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A GOOD START FOR THE NEW YEAR WOULD BE A DINNER AT THE
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OR THE
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A HAPPIER NEW YEAR!

THE HOPE FOR BETTER DAYS.

1923 ENTERS WITH BIG PROMISE.

TRADES' UP-GRADE

PTIMISM REIGNS SUPREME.

HAPPIER NEW YEAR!" has dawned with bright promise.

utstanding need of the day is settlement of Europe, which one can lead to the termination trade stagnation.

first day of January witnesses mblies of the statesmen of the nations, determined to find the way out of the imbroglio.

Everywhere optimism reigns supreme. "A Happier New Year!" is more than a wish to-day; it is a prophecy.

IE KING'S MESSAGE

TELEGRAM TO PEOPLE OF LONDON.

The Lord Mayor received the following telegram from the King this morning in response to his message of good wishes for the New Year:—

" an unfailing pleasure that each ear brings me a message from the s of London.

thank them and you, my Lord Mayor, for this expression of greeting and good will, and I join in your hope for better times to come.

Amid the universal complications left y the war, my heart goes out to all in their trials and sufferings, and I devoutly pray that in the coming year, inspired by the feeling of unity and mutual confidence, we shall together strive to restore the happiness and prosperity of our beloved country.

GEORGE, R.I.

LONDON SCENES.

HUGE CROWDS GREET THE YEAR OF HOPE.

(By Our Special Representative.)

One of the biggest crowds that have ever gathered to welcome a New Year congregated at St. Paul's shortly before midnight, and the first hour of 1923 was spent in unprecedented revelry.

Never had a New Year a greater welcome. The Old Year had little or no consideration. It had been a time of gloom for most; no one regretted its passing; 1923 is the Year of Promise, and as such it was greeted with enthusiasm.

By the midnight hour Ludgate Hill and St. Paul's-churchyard were so crowded that it was practically impossible for another to force an entrance. The fun was furious, and the midnight bell that told of the passing of the old and the presence of the new was almost inaudible amidst the din.

Rarely has revelry been decked in such panoply as that seen at the hotels.

1,250 Guests.

The Savoy Hotel alone accommodated 1,250 guests, who expressed themselves, among other ways, by pulling 35,000 crackers.

From seven until half-past eight the Strand was practically blocked with cars on their way to the hotels, and the general note of hilarity was at its topmost.

All tables were booked, and there was not a place to be had.

On the stroke of midnight the regimental trumpeters blew a fanfare, and

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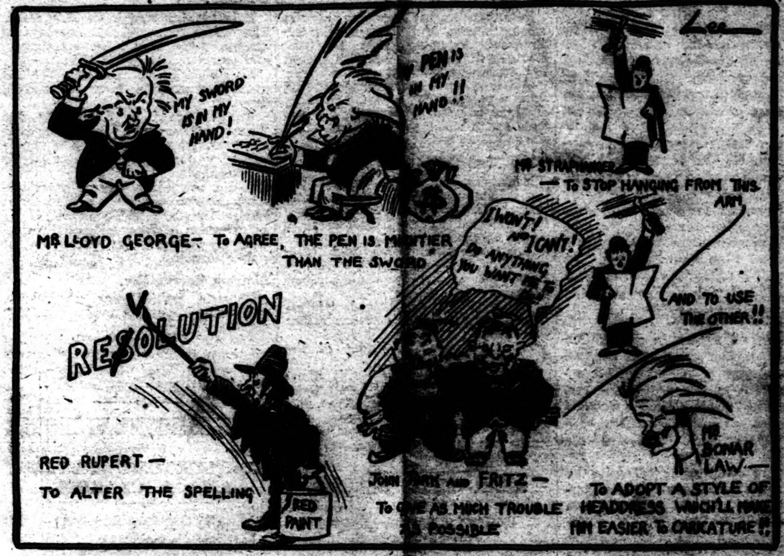
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MY SWORD IS IN MY HAND!
MY PEN IS IN MY HAND!!
MR LLOYD GEORGE— TO AGREE, THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD
MR STRAPHANGER — TO STOP HANGING FROM THIS ARM
AND TO USE THE OTHER!!
I WON'T! AND I CAN'T! DO ANYTHING YOU WANT ME TO DO!
RESOLUTION
RED RUPERT — TO ALTER THE SPELLING
RED PAINT
JOHN TURK AND FRITZ — TO GIVE AS MUCH TROUBLE AS POSSIBLE
MR BONAR LAW — TO ADOPT A STYLE OF HEADDRESS WHICH'LL MAKE HIM EASIER TO CARICATURE!!

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR BY SOME NOTORIETIES AND NONENTITIES!

MR. BONAR LAW'S FIRST CONFERENCE ABROAD.

BUSINESS-LIKE EFFORT TO SOLVE THE INTERMINABLE REPARATIONS QUESTION.

The New Year opens with one more attempt to solve the stubborn Reparations question, on which the views of England and France have, so far, differed in almost every particular.

Mr. Bonar Law, who is in Paris, is credited with the intention of putting before the Allied Conference, which opens to-morrow, a concrete plan.

M. Poincare and his colleagues have also drawn up proposals, and it will be the task of the statesmen engaged to reconcile the two and formulate a scheme to end the uncertainty which weighs so heavily on a weary world.

Mr. Bonar Law will speak for the British Government. He consulted his colleagues in the Cabinet last week and is to-day conferring with Lord Curzon, Foreign Minister, who travelled from Lausanne to meet him.

The Conference to-morrow is intended as a preliminary to the big gathering fixed for January 15 in Brussels, at which Germany will be represented.

If no agreement is reached in Paris this may not be held and chaos will continue.

MR. BONAR LAW AND LORD CURZON.

PRIME MINISTER CONFERS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER IN PARIS.

PARIS, Monday.

The conference activities of New Year's Day opened with a visit of Lord Curzon to Mr. Bonar Law at the latter's headquarters at the Hôtel Crillon.

Lord Curzon, who was accompanied by Sir William Tyrrell, greeted the Premier soon after half-past ten, and remained closeted with him the whole morning. He remained to luncheon, and the consultation was resumed in the afternoon.

THE DELEGATES.

Four nations will be represented at the Conference to-morrow as follows:—

BRITAIN.—Mr. Bonar Law and Sir Philip Lloyd-Greame (President of the Board of Trade).

FRANCE.—M. Poincaré.

ITALY.—The Marchese della Torretta (Italian Ambassador in London).

BELGIUM.—M. Theunis (Premier).

All in Readiness.

With the arrival of the Italian and Belgian delegations everything is now in readiness for the resumption of the Conference of Prime Ministers recently broken off in London.

The first meeting will take place to-morrow afternoon at the French Foreign Office, but the arrangements as to time have not yet been finally completed.

No Preliminary Meeting.

It is not now expected that M. Poincaré, Mr. Bonar Law, and Lord Curzon will meet for a preliminary conversation to-day.

In the meantime it is learned in semi-official French quarters that the Tangier question will not be discussed in Paris during the present conversations, but will be the subject of negotiations in London between Great Britain, France, and Spain after Lord Curzon's return from Lausanne.—Reuter.

GERMAN PLAN.

PRESENTATION TO M. POINCARE TO-MORROW.

PARIS, Monday.

Herr M[illegible] the German Ambassador in Paris called on M. [illegible]errett della Rocca, Director of Political Affairs at the Foreign Ministry, this morning.

THE DE[illegible]

1919: Ver[illegible] Treaty [illegible] amount to be paid by [illegible].

January, [illegible]: Allied Conference fixed amount at [illegible].

April, 1921: Reparations Commission reduced the figure to [illegible], plus cost of the Armies of Occupation.

1922: By the end of the year Germany had paid [illegible].

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NEW RAILWAY ERA.

FOUR GROUPS INSTEAD OF 125 COMPANIES.

CHEAPER FARES.

ECONOMIES THAT MAY HAVE BIG EFFECTS.

Two events will make this New Year's day a memorable one for the travelling public.

The first is the general reduction in fares, while the second is the grouping of England's railway systems.

THE FOUR GROUPS.

REVOLUTION IN COSTS AND WORKING.

The Act under which the alteration takes place lays down that railways must be efficiently and economically worked, and must earn the standard revenue of 1913.

Any excess of net income over standard revenue will be dealt with as follows:—

One-fifth will be retained by the companies and the balance of four-fifths will be returned to the public in the form of reduced rates and fares.

For this purpose the Railway Rates Tribunal will review annually the standard and exceptional charges.

It is anticipated that the reduction in the number of railway stocks on the market from something like 200 to between 20 and 30 will lead to freer markets in railway securities.

Here are some details regarding the four groups:—

The Great Western.

The Great Western, already a huge line, will control railways in thirty English and Welsh counties,

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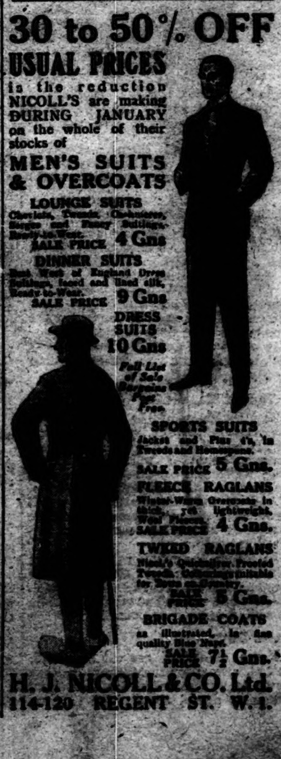
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RAILWAYS' NEW ERA.

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with a total mileage of 3,753 miles. Its capital will be about £150,000,000.

London and North-Eastern.

The London and North-Eastern, forming the East Coast route to Scotland, will be made up of thirty-three companies, with a mileage of 6,464 miles.

The number of persons employed will be 220,000, the number of locomotives 7,500, coaching vehicles 21,000, and wagons 294,000.

The stations will number 2,500, the docks thirty-eight, miles of quays thirty-three, and the capital will total about £348,000,000.

London, Midland, and Scottish.

The London, Midland, and Scottish Group will stretch from London to Thurso, the most northerly station in Scotland, and a twenty-four-hour journey.

The total length of main line and branches is 7,464 miles, and the capital about £340,000,000.

The Great Southern.

The Southern Group will have a mileage of 2,129 miles and a capital of about £145,000,000.

It will take in the railways of the South Coast and the Isle of Wight.

This revolution in the railway world will necessitate considerable alterations in working.

Engines, trucks, signals, coaches, and permanent way will be standardised, and it is expected that four standard colours will replace the present variegated colours of engines and coaches.

The General Managers.

The general manager of the Southern Group has not yet been appointed, but for the others the general managers are: Great Western, Mr Felix J. C. Pole; London, Midland, and Scottish, Mr. Arthur Watson; and London and North-Eastern, Mr. R. L. Wedgwood.

The Great Western to-day issued to the 108,000 members of its staff an interesting little booklet dealing with the future of the line. It states that the company is "optimistic as to the future, and looks forward with confidence to the dawn of an era of prosperity. That confidence is largely born of the knowledge that it has an efficient staff of employees on whose loyal co-operation it may rely with every assurance."

MANAGERS' HOPES.

EFFECT ON THE HOUSEHOLD BUDGET.

Speaking on the subject this morning, Mr. Felix J. C. Pole, the well-known manager of the Great Western Group, told the "Pall Mall" that the companies are, of course, taking their new formation when the trade of the country is at a low ebb.

In Working Order.

"For all practical purposes, however," he said, "the Great Western Group has been in existence for nearly a year, and the group organisation is complete and in good working order.

"The potential developments are precisely the same as those of the 'Great Western Railway.' Amalgamation with the various South Wales undertakings has, however, constituted us the greatest dock-owning company in the country.

"The Railways Act," he continued, "has created a community of interest between the companies, the users of railways, and the employees.

"On de-control there was much apprehension as to the ability of the companies to maintain their 1913 receipts.

Distinctly Reassuring.

"The future is by no means clear, but the first year's experience of the Great Western Group is distinctly reassuring in this respect.

"The Great Western carries, of course, a great responsibility. It is the trustee of a vast investment. The money has been derived from the savings of people, and the shareholders rightly look for a fair return on their money."

A Task of Magnitude.

The chairmen of the other groups, the Southern, the N.W. and Midland, and L. and N. Eastern have expressed the same hopes for the future of travelling, while stating that the work of grouping is a task of great magnitude.

And its comprehensiveness may well be realised when it is remembered that yesterday about 120 companies suffered extinction.

In future the number of directors will be 100 instead of 1,000. But more important is the promise of better facilities, while redundant services will be cancelled as soon as possible.

Fares Down.

Fares, of course, are cut from 1¾d. to 1½d. a mile for third class, and are down to 2½d. a mile for first class. There is, again, a reduction of from 75 per cent. to 50 per cent. over pre-war rates in the charges for the conveyance of "perishables" by passenger train.

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This will further reduce the cost of living, since 1½d. in the shilling off the carriage of practically every article of the breakfast and dinner tables should effect relief in the household budget.

Mr. BONAR LAW IN PARIS.

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and announced that Dr. Bergmann, the German Reparations expert, was due in Paris to-morrow morning.

He will then communicate, on behalf of the German Government, to M. Poincaré in his capacity of President of the Reparations meeting, the latest German proposals.—Reuter.

FRANCE UNRELENTING

QUID PRO QUO DEMANDED.

PARIS, Monday.

The "Petit Parisien" declares that France will maintain the attitude taken up in London and reject any reduction of the German debt unless some compensation is extended to her, although she will suggest a reduction by means of assignments of credit.

In case that compensation is considered impossible, France will declare herself ready to pay interest on her debts, but not before receiving from Germany the sums necessary for the reconstruction of the liberated regions, which represents almost precisely what France should receive on the first fifty milliards of the German debt.

Guarantees Demanded.

As a set-off against a moratorium for two years, France will demand strict measures of control for the reorganisation of German finances. France will most certainly demand guarantees, and this question, says the newspaper, will dominate the discussion.

The "Journal" says: "Despite the undisguised invitations received during the past fortnight as much from Britain as from America, M. Poincaré has not modified in the slightest the intentions he described before the Senate Tribunal."—Exchange.

VITAL MEETING.

MOST IMPORTANT SINCE THE WAR.

PARIS, Monday.

The "Matin" considers that the Reparations Conference, which will open to-morrow, will, without doubt, constitute the most important event since the war.

It points out that so far there have been put temporary arrangements, but the newspaper is of opinion that to-day it is impossible to imagine that in the course of this week the policy of reparations will not have been clearly marked out, whether an agreement between the Allies has been realised or not.

This Conference will likewise have the effect of influencing Franco-British relations for a long period.

The newspaper refers to the important conversations Mr. Bonar Law and Lord Curzon will have now with M. Poincaré, and adds that the French plan for the seizure of guarantees from Germany is complete, as regards the most detailed methods of execution.—Exchange.

HARD LABOUR FOR BOASTER.

"He has forty-eight convictions including nine months' hard labour, for assaulting the police," said Assistant-Gaoler Crouch, at Marlborough-street, to-day, when Mr. d'Eyncourt sentenced James Douglas, aged forty-six, no fixed abode, to six months' hard labour for assaulting Police-constable William Pearce and begging in Hertford-street, W., last evening.

He kicked the constable on the leg, and boasted that it would take six policemen to arrest him.

1½d. FARE ABOLISHED.

EASIER JOB FOR THE 'BUS CONDUCTORS.

There was a big slump in halfpennies on London 'buses to-day with the abolition of the 1½d. fare.

'Bus conductors report that their job was made much easier with the return of the penny fare, in spite of the greater number of passengers.

The Tube stare, it is asserted, was converted into the Tube smile.

TURKISH TALK OF FIGHTING.

"RATHER THAN PERISH IN SLAVERY."

KEMAL'S THREAT.

DISAPPOINTED WITH THE FRENCH

PARIS, Monday.

Interviewed at Angora by a special correspondent of the "Journal," Mustapha Kemal Pasha expressed the opinion that if the plenipotentiaries at the Lausanne Conference had been animated by good will there was no reason why the Conference should have lasted so long.

Referring to the question of the Mosul vilayet, the President of the National Assembly said he was astonished that the British should fail to recognise that an injustice would be done to the Turks by taking away a portion, even a small portion, of their national patrimony, for the frontiers of which great sacrifices had already been made.

"Too Neutral."

Mustapha Kemal added that the too neutral attitude of France and Italy in this question had astonished him. He said that no further sacrifice would be agreed to.

The discussion which had been opened with regard to the Capitulations question was an insult to their national "amour-propre."

"Turkey," he continued, "is resolved to fight to the last sou rather than perish in slavery."

Concluding, the President of the National Assembly said:—

"It is a favourable result alone that we expect from the Conference. The new Turkey is conciliatory, but she is conscious of her dignity and strength, and for the defence of her rights she is ready to risk her very existence."—Reuter.

NEAR EAST DANGER.

BRITISH SUBJECTS LEAVING CONSTANTINOPLE.

MALTA, Monday.

Owing to the uncertain situation at Constantinople, sixteen hundred British subjects and Maltese are leaving there forthwith.

It is expected that six hundred of them will be landed in Cyprus, the remainder being brought on to Malta.—Reuter.

The warning given to all members of the British colony in Constantinople to be ready to leave at twenty-four hours' notice is not regarded in official circles in London as being unduly significant in the light of the Turkish attitude at Lausanne, says the Press Association.

The view here is that it is the normal precaution which might justifiably have been taken some weeks ago.

LAUSANNE'S HOLIDAY.

LAUSANNE, Monday.

The New Year celebrations have given the Conference a holiday to-day.

There was also no sitting yesterday.—Central News.

THANKS TO HIS MOURNERS.

HON. WINDHAM BARING'S FAREWELL MESSAGE.

Please ask the parson (wrote the late Hon. Windham Baring, in his last hours), to thank all those who come to my memorial service, for having spared the time from their offices to attend, and tell them in my association with them it has always been my aim and object to deal fairly and squarely. I have always been truthful and honest with them, and I hope they will always treat others in the same way. I wish them all happiness and success in their business.

This extract from a letter containing his last wishes was read by the Rev. A. Buxton, vicar of All Souls', Langham-place, at a memorial service to the late Hon. Windham Baring, held in St. Peter's, Cornhill, to-day.

The interment took place subsequently at Little Berkhampstead.

BABY'S "RARE" DISEASE.

A verdict of "Death from acute inflammation of the thymus glands" was the verdict at a Hornsey inquest, to-day, on a baby of two months.

A doctor said the complaint was extremely rare, and in medical books the complaint was not described on this account. It most frequently occurred with patients who were under anæsthetics.

THAMES RAPID RISE.

The Thames has risen rapidly during the last two days in consequence of the heavy rainfall. Below Shepperton it is now four feet above the normal level, having risen two feet in the last two days.

The River Wey is running very full and meadow land near Weybridge is flooded.

"THE TIMES."

Mr. Geoffrey Dawson has been appointed editor of the "Times," in succession to Mr. H. Wickham Steed who has resigned the editorship.

A HAPPIER NEW YEAR.

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at the same time living figures of Father Time appeared through the ceiling.

From the Champagne Bottle.

Then there was the Piccadilly Hotel. When I looked in, the big ballroom was packed, and at midnight a pretty girl, dressed to symbolise 1923, suddenly appeared from a large imitation champagne bottle.

At the Berkeley the scheme of decoration was distinctly anti-Pussyfoot, the whole of the restaurant having been transformed into the semblance of a vineyard, delicately brilliant lighting being used.

Bohemia.

Bohemia, too, saw in the New Year. The "Ham Bone" Club, a literary and artistic circle, held a special dinner, and everyone was at his or her best.

Five o'clock was the time decided upon as a suitable hour for closing down.

Further afield, in Soho, was the "Cave of Harmony," with its all-night cabaret revel, followed by breakfast in a quaint room decorated by the members.

There, too, there was an entertainment in the shape of a "Cockney Chauve-Souris," which consisted of an imitation of the music-hall turns of thirty years ago. And there was, of course, dancing.

Dancing Everywhere.

Dancing, indeed, was everywhere, and formed part of everything, last night.

The Old Year was hustled out of existence to the measure of merry feet, and by the same gay rhythm was celebrated the birth of the New.

AT THE HOTEL VICTORIA

MULTI-CHROME PAGEANT AND A CRACKER.

(By Our Own Reveller.)

Last night's reception of the New Year at the Hotel Victoria was well in keeping with its reputation for unique festivities.

One can well surmise that the ingenuity of the Victoria management is put to somewhat severe test in desire for novel sensation; but it scored again, and produced a surprise as delightful as it was clever and artistic in its conception.

Flower Beds on Tables.

Garlands of greenery intertwined with crimson and scarlet blossoms traversed the high ceiling from the many columns, and there were flower beds on the tables.

French toys were showered, and soon the blossoms were hidden deep beneath piles of huge crackers.

Then there was an extraordinary variety of supposed-to-be musical instruments, some as large as the real instruments of a brass band, and it was more than ludicrous to watch the endeavours of elderly roysterers to add to the general din.

The banquet over, everybody trooped away to the Edward VII. ballroom, and there was another setting of gorgeous, glittering splendour. The riot of colour was enhanced when continuous flashes of rainbow light were thrown on the dancers.

The Requiem of 1922.

Suddenly the lights were turned low, and silver chimes tolled the requiem of 1922. Then came Father Time at the head of a score of servitors carrying an enormous gold and crimson cracker, several yards long, several feet round.

This was laid on the floor of the ballroom, and out stepped 1923.

The New Year was impersonated by as beautiful a little fairy as young girlhood can produce, Vesta Sylva, of the Gaiety, the clever and sprightly little actress and dancer, whose reputation is so rapidly growing to the traditions of the famous theatre.

Snowballs.

With Vesta Sylva came hundreds of snowballs from every direction, and for a while a new diversion in revelry, and then dancing again until the New Year was two hours old.

At the other great hotels similar scenes were enacted—so they told me—and not a few came from the Savoy and the Cecil and the Ritz and Claridge's for a final dance at the Victoria.

Gifts for the Ladies.

There was no special spectacular feature, but in several cases pretty New Year's gifts were bestowed on the ladies.

At the Cecil it was silk handkerchiefs and silver calendars and bonbonieres; at the Metropole costly ostrich feather fans.

At the latter hotel, sister to the Victoria, the atmosphere was perhaps more restrained, but did not fail to enrapture the many hundred guests who crowded the whole of the beautifully decorated ground floor space.

The Café des Ambassadeurs, the two lounges, and the Café Anglais were all tables for dinner, but a great space was reserved in the Café Anglais for dancing.

There were many distinguished people present; several fashionable hostesses brought parties of young people, and great appreciation was given to the really beautiful toys and dolls, which were additional gifts of the generous Gordon Company.

HOTEL BELGRAVIA.

COLOURED LIGHTS ON THE CLOCK.

Coloured lights on the clock in the Belgravia Restaurant heralded the New Year to the strains of jazz music and boisterous wishes.

The company which assembled for the special dinner and dance was so numerous that the lounges on the entrance floor had to be pressed into service, and even then there had to be several relays of dinner.

Dancing was continued all through dinner, and then onwards to 2 a.m.

POPLAR CARNIVAL

SIX THOUSAND CHILDREN SEND MESSAGE TO THE KING.

The annual New Year's Carnival at Poplar to-day brought joy into the lives of some 6,300 children of Bow, Bromley, Poplar, Cubitt Town, and Millwall.

This morning 3,000 girls received cakes, sweets, apples, and oranges, and were entertained by minstrels, and marionettes, and enjoyed other diversions.

Loyal Greetings.

During the day the following message was sent to the King and Queen at Sandringham:—

> Six thousand three hundred children and two hundred stewards, at the 23rd annual Bow Carnival, many of them sons and daughters of soldiers and sailors who have made the great sacrifice for their King and country, send to your Majesties best wishes for peace and prosperity throughout the Empire and the [illegible] in the year which opens to-day.

A message to Queen Alexandra contained loyal greetings and the hope that her Majesty may be spared for many years to take a loving interest in the children.

A message was also sent to the Prime Minister expressing good wishes and the hope that the New Year might bring peace and prosperity.

MR. HOOVER'S PROPHECY

WORLD SHAKING ITSELF FREE FROM POST-WAR SLUMP.

WASHINGTON, Monday.

Reports issued by Mr. Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, and Mr. Mellow, Secretary of the Treasury, are optimistic over the economic outlook.

Mr. Hoover, indeed, finds that big armies form the chief hindrance to the recovery of Europe.

Outside of this continent, however, the world has shaken itself free from the effects of the after-war slump, and Mr. Hoover predicts a continuation of prosperity both at home and abroad.—Central News.

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MORE STORMS TO COME.

RAIN, HAIL, SLEET, OR THUNDER.

—Latest Forecast.

COASTING VESSEL LOST.

PASSENGERS AND CREW DROWNED.

The series of fierce gales and unsettled weather experienced during the past few days show no sign of abatement with the coming of the New Year.

The outlook, in fact, for the early part of 1923 is far from pleasant.

Storms and strong winds are to continue, followed later by rain, hail, or sleet, accompanied in places by thunder and lightning.

Coasting Vessel Founders.

A Lloyd's message, dated yesterday, from Constantinople, and received in London to-day states that the Turkish coaster Pasha Bagtche, proceeding to Pandorma, with cargo and passengers, foundered about twelve miles from Constantinople.

Most of the crew and passengers were drowned.

Thrills on Liner.

The continuance of the gale has resulted in thrilling incidents being experienced. Vessels have had a severe buffeting.

Captain Roberts, of the White Star liner Baltic, which arrived in the Mersey to-day six hours late, said it was one of the worst storms ever experienced.

On Wednesday a westerly wind developed into a gale, with heavy seas, and at times the vessel was submerged fore and aft.

Many of the vessels going west reported that they had had to heave to.

Latest Forecast.

There is very little hope of a brighter period in England for the immediate future, according to the latest forecast.

Fair, cold weather may be expected at first, but with the depression advancing from the Atlantic, the wind will back to south-west and freshen before very long.

This, it is prophesied, will produce dull to rainy and milder conditions, with strong winds or gales later in the west, followed by the period of rain, hail, or sleet, thunder and lightning referred to above.

The minimum temperature last night in London in the screen was 34deg., while the ground temperature was 27deg.

ROADS LIKE TORRENTS

SERIOUS HAVOC IN FRANCE ON LAND AND SEA.

PARIS, Monday.

On the night of Friday-Saturday a terrific tempest swept over France, causing much damage both inland and at sea; the high winds continued around the coast throughout Saturday.

Torrential rain fell in Paris from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., accompanied by violent gusts of wind.

Many of the steeper streets were transformed into mountain torrents, while taxi-drivers preferred to return to their garage rather than face the weather.

In spite of the fact that walls collapsed, chimney stacks were blown down, and windows crashed in, no personal injuries have been reported at the Paris hospitals.

The Eiffel Tower meteorological station recorded a wind speed of 40 metres a second at midnight; 12mm. of rain fell.

Liners Return to Port.

It is, however, news from the coast which is the most serious. Even in the sheltered gulf of Marseilles a heavy storm is raging.

The Italian three-master Lilla Ricci, which went ashore in the gale at the entrance of the old port of Marseilles, has been given up as lost.

The liners Lutetia and Meduana, which left Pauillac on Thursday, have been obliged to return to port.

The Norwegian steamer Navmoy, which got into difficulties between Groix and Belle-Ile, has been towed into Lorient.

The heaviest toll has been among fishing craft; at La Rochelle many boats are missing, and one has returned to port without two of its crew, who were swept overboard by a giant wave.—Reuter.

The Queen has accepted a copy of "The Gateway to Health," dealing with the prevention of diseases of the teeth, edited by Charles E. Hecht, and published for the Food Education Society by the St. Catherine Press.

REJECTED LOVER BOUND OVER.

ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGE REDUCED.

"LESS TRUCULENT."

George Thomas Heath, the young carman, of Castle-road, Kentish Town, charged with attempting to murder Nellie Victoria Etheridge, his former sweetheart, a servant, living at 7, Wellesley-place, Kentish Town, and with causing grievous bodily harm to her mother, Maria Etheridge, with a razor, was again before Mr. Symmons at the Marylebone police-court to-day.

Heath denied any intention to injure either of them, and declared that he meant to commit suicide. He refused, however, at the previous hearing, to be bound over on a charge of using threats.

Different Frame of Mind.

Mr. A. W. Lucy, who defended, said he had seen the accused during the adjournment, and he was now in a different frame of mind.

He had no doubt after hearing the police evidence that he did, in drunken mood, use threats, but he did not mean to carry them out, and was prepared to be bound over.

The Magistrate (to Heath): You don't mean to do her (the girl) any violence now?

Heath: No, your worship.

Mr. Symons remarked that he was in a less truculent mood than he was last week, but even now he did not seem to be sorry for what he had done in the least.

Heath: I am sorry.

Not to go Near Girl.

Mr. Symons said he hoped he was, and he ordered him to find one surety in £20 to keep the peace for twelve months, or go to prison for two months.

Mr. Muskett: He will understand that he is not to go near the girl.

Mr. Symons: He is to keep away from her altogether. She is not bound to have you if she doesn't want you.

LUCKY SERVANTS.

PLEASANT SURPRISES IN TO-DAY'S WILLS.

Generous bequests to servants are a feature of to-day's list of wills.

Mr. Archibald Balfour, of Pont-street, Chelsea, S.W., Russian merchant, of the firm of Messrs. I. Thomson, T. Bonar and Co., Old Broad-street, E.C., whose estate has been proved at £57,444 15s. 6d. gross, with net personalty £51,972 13s. 1d., left—

A life annuity of £120 free of tax to his late wife's maid, Christina Florence Ellinger.

A life annuity of £100 free of tax to Winifred Lizzie Duffus, in recognition of her invaluable services as sick nurse to his late wife.

£350 each to his butler, Alfred Edward Downes, and his coachman, Albert Catt.

£250 to his housemaid, Olive Georgina Cooke.

£150 to his housemaid, Nellie Wright.

£100 each to his secretary, Miss Irene Mary Tarran, and Miss Mackenzie, formerly in his service.

Hove Lady's Gratitude.

Miss Alice Ann Peel, of Hove, Sussex, whose estate has been sworn at £16,311 15s., with net personalty £16,199 7s., left—

£800 to her maid, Mary Hannah Dunn, and an annuity of £52, and a further £200, desiring, without, however, imposing any legal obligation, that she will dispose of the same in accordance with the terms of a memorandum.

£25 to her parlour maid, Emily Clark, or, if not remaining in her service, to the person who may be in her service at her death as parlourmaid.

£52 per annum to her former servant, Elizabeth Watts.

£200 to her late servant, Charlotte Harlock.

Miner's Savings.

Alderman Thomas Merrells, O.B.E., J.P., stevedore, until recently secretary of the Dockers' Union at Swansea, and the first Labour Mayor of Swansea, left estate of the gross value of £2,539 3s. 2d., with net personalty £1,572 18s 8d.

Mr. Esiah Evans, of Carmarthen, coal miner, who died at Swansea General Hospital, left estate of the gross value of £1,685 13s. 3d., with net personalty £1,174 2s. 3d.

RIVIERA FRAUDS.

ENGLISHMAN'S ARREST: NEARLY MILLION FRANCS INVOLVED.

PARIS, Monday.

A telegram from Toulon to the "Petit Parisien" states that a man, said to be a British subject, was arrested there last night and charged with extensive frauds in the Riviera.

His operations are said to amount to nearly a million francs.—Reuter.

Frederick Price, aged 66, of Gladys-avenue, North End, collapsed and died whilst travelling in a tramcar at Portsmouth.

BUTLER'S FIGHT WITH BURGLAR.

THIEF IN PANTRY WITH SACK OF SILVER.

ATTACK WITH JEMMY

ESCAPE FROM HOUSE OF HON. E. THESIGER.

A desperate fight between a butler and a burglar in the pantry at Prince of Wales's-road, Kensington, the residence of the Hon. Eric Thesiger, is reported by Scotland Yard.

Early yesterday morning the butler, a man named Hutchings, hearing a noise went to his pantry, and there found a man busy among the silver.

At Grips.

The butler seized the intruder and a fight ensued, during which the burglar struck the butler over the head with a blunt instrument, and after a further struggle escaped.

In an interview with a Press representative to-day Hutchings told a graphic story of his fight with the burglar.

"I was in bed at the time," he said. "Hearing a noise in the pantry I got up and went in. I saw a man standing near the silver cabinet. At his feet was a potato sack, which I afterwards found was full of silver articles.

Attacker Disappears.

"He was filling up another sack from the silver cabinet when I came upon him. I went for him, caught hold of him, and we had a struggle. He managed to hit me over the head with something which I should think was a jemmy, and I remembered no more.

"When I came round the man had gone without taking the silver with him."

A description of the wanted man, who was wearing a muffler, is in the hands of the police

WIFE'S DILEMMA.

LEGAL PUZZLE IN ALLEGED CRUELTY CASE.

Mr. Jennens, solicitor, applying at Marylebone for process against a man for persistent cruelty to his wife, pointed out the difficulty that the wife was in in complying with the section of the Summary Jurisdiction (Married Women's) Act, which requires her to leave her husband before taking proceedings against him for the offence.

She was the tenant of the rooms they occupied, and the furniture was hers, and she feared that, if she left, her husband would pawn or smash up the home.

Mr. Jennens said he believed there was a recent decision of the High Court that, if the woman had no one else to go to she need not leave her husband.

Workhouse the Only Place.

Mr. Symmons (the magistrate) said he should like to see the case, for he had a good many cases where the home was the wife's, and she had children, and leaving was a very great difficulty. Yet the words of the section seemed very clear.

Mr. Jennens pointed out that the only place she could go to if she left her husband was the workhouse. She had, however, left her home that morning, and the solicitor said he hoped that would be considered sufficient.

Mr. Symmons said he was afraid not, but he granted a summons, and repeated that he should like to see the case referred to.

"ONLY ONE PUNISHMENT"

SEQUEL TO CONSTABLE'S MOTOR CHASE.

"There is only one punishment for a man who is drunk when driving a motor-car," said Mr. Cancellor, the South-Western police-court magistrate, in sentencing Clarence Littlewood, thirty-four, motor dealer, Clonmore-street, Southfields, Wandsworth, to 21 days' imprisonment.

Littlewood's licence was suspended for three months.

Police-constable Muggeridge said he chased defendant for a mile in another car. When stopped Littlewood remarked, "Have you followed me all this distance? You must want a job."

Prisoner said he had a few drinks, but was not exactly drunk.

NOT SMALLPOX.

WILLESDEN SUSPECT SENT HOME.

Inquiry at the offices of the Metropolitan Asylums Board to-day elicits the fact that the man from Willesden who had been under observation is not suffering from smallpox, and has been sent home.

The suspected case from Hampstead is still under observation.

Eleven cases are now under treatment at the Long Reach Hospital.

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CAPTIVATED BY "POLLY."

TRIUMPH OF SEQUEL TO "THE BEGGAR'S OPERA."

DELIGHTFUL SCORE.

SONGS WITH CHARM OF THE UNEXPECTED.

In the discussion of "Polly" there is one point that may be disposed of summarily. After enjoying so delightful an entertainment (at the Kingsway Theatre) is there anybody who really cares whether it is authentic or not?

The adapters have made a clean breast of it in telling us that they have taken liberties with Gay's work. They could have spared themselves the confession, for the type of mind that would attempt to collate their production with the original is one whose possessor seldom helps to swell a theatre audience.

MISS LILIAN DAVIS as Polly.

So let us dismiss Gay and his grievances, along with Walpole, Queen Caroline and the Duchess of Queensberry who sold copies of the play under the very nose of King George II.

The Thing That Matters.

What matters to-day is that Frederic Austin and Nigel Playfair, to whom we owe "The Beggar's Opera" in its present form, have shown us that there is "plenty more where that came from"; have attached to themselves William Nicholson to fill the place left vacant by that much regretted artist, Claud Lovat Fraser; and have recruited in the person of Clifford Bax a poet whose taste gauges to a nicety the degree of respect due—not indeed to Mr. Gay, whose sequel to his original brilliant effort courts disrespect—but to period.

Whetting the Appetite.

Something similar might be said of Mr. Austin. It is no question of mere skill, which is the commonest of qualities among musicians to-day. No doubt many of them could have expanded these fragments with technical dexterity as great as his.

But the instinct which says here "go ahead" and there cries "halt" is another matter, and it is Mr. Austin's unfailing sense of proportion that makes this score so delightful.

There is scarcely a number that does not make one wish that he had dallied with it a little longer, and the appetite of the ear remains whetted to the end. Of how many "musical plays" can this be said?

The Tunes

Most of the tunes are less familiar than those of "The Baggar's Opera." One picks out the march from Handel's "Scipio" transformed into a pirates' chorus, and a few traditional airs but many of the songs have the charm of the unexpected.

Those of quieter gait generally fall to "Polly." no doubt in deference to her protective virtue, the devil being, as usual, allowed his monopoly of the jollier tunes. But, grave or gay, all are well chosen, and well provided with lyrics.

A Captivating Polly.

Miss Lilian Davis makes a captivating Polly, of more commanding presence than the run of Hammersmith heroines, since she has to don the uniform of a smart lieutenant, but no less sweet-voiced than they, or less charmingly demure in the intriguing situations.

Macheath is now a pirate bold, as picturesque and perhaps even more romantic than when exercising his predatory skill in London. Mr. Pitt Chatham well conveys this impression, rounding off each gesture as neatly as he does the musical phrase belonging to it.

A deft characterisation is that of Mrs. Trapes by Miss Muriel Terry. The part has grown in importance, and she makes all of its many points

(Continued from preceding column.)

In fact, though all shared in the applause, Miss Terry secured a large share of those appreciative chuckles that tell so much more.

Other Outstanding Parts.

Fascinating is the word that best describes Miss Adrienne Brune's performance as Jenny Diver. It is her cue to be kittenish, and she took it as prettily as anyone could wish.

Other outstanding performances were those of Mr. Percy Parsons, whose speaking voice was almost too powerful for so small a theatre, but who blustered with great success as Vanderbluff; of Mr. Thornley-Dodge and Miss Winifred Hare as Mr. and Mrs. Ducat.

Nor may the fascinating members of Mrs. Trapes's "academy" be overlooked. There are more virtuous islands than those of the West Indies that would have found them hard to resist.

Scenic Ideals.

As a scenic artist, Mr. William Nicholson follows ideals not dissimilar from those of Lovat Fraser, but they lead him along different paths. He favours quiet backgrounds.

In fact, that of the first act—a pink somewhere between flesh-coloured tights and rose face-powder—was a little insipid until the "women of the town" provided the reason for it in the stage-picture they formed at the end of the first act.

The dresses provided all the vividness. In method one was almost reminded of Picasso's white background for the Spanish dresses in "The Three-Cornered Hat." But Nicholson is no relative of Picasso. Even today he still reminds us of certain posters attributed to the "Beggarstaff Brothers."

The orchestra was admirably handled by Eugene Goossens. Its dimensions were just right—discreet, but helpful.

E. R.

COVENT GARDEN MARKET FOR SALE?

OFFICIAL RETICENCE OVER REPORT.

The Covent Garden Estate Company had "no statement to make" to-day with reference to the reported sale of a portion of London said to include Covent Garden Market.

Asked for a confirmation or denial of the report, an official replied that he could give no information on the matter.

After the Christmas rush very few of the bigger dealers were at the market to-day, but from such views as could be gathered it would appear that any "move" of the market from the present site would not be popular.

"'Covent Garden in any other place,'" said one dealer, "is hardly conceivable. We want better transport facilities, it is true, but they will be dearly bought if we have to give up Covent Garden Market."

None of the dealers had any idea where the proposed alternative site is situated.

"In any case," one stallholder stated, "the move will take a considerable time.

"There are scores of businesses carried on in the market, and millions of pounds change hands annually."

SIR WILLIAM HORWOOD

BACK AT SCOTLAND YARD AFTER HIS ILLNESS.

Brigadier-General Sir William Horwood, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, returned to Scotland Yard this morning to resume his duties, after being absent since November 9 through illness attributed to malicious poisoning by means of chocolates containing arsenic.

PENNY TRAM FARES.

The new midday penny stages on the L.C.C. tramways average nearly two miles.

One—Clapham-road Station to the Elephant and Castle—measures two and a half miles. Other cheap pennyworths are:—

Vauxhall Station and Latchmere-road 2.15 miles; Gardiner's Corner, Aldgate, and Dalston Junction, 2.13 miles; Savoy-street, Strand, and the Angel, Islington, 2.11 miles; Westminster Station and Farringdon-road, 2 miles.

UNKNOWN MAN'S BODY IN THAMES

The body of a man, aged about twenty-five, of fair complexion, with brown hair, was taken from the Thames off Princess Wharf, Lambeth, this morning, and is lying at the Lambeth Mortuary awaiting identification.

The man was wearing a blue serge suit, a dark grey overcoat, and brown cotton gloves.

STABBING CHARGE.

Robert Graham Mowbray, a miner, was charged to-day at Newbiggin with the wilful murder of Stanley Gordon Denholm, a bricklayer, by stabbing him in the heart on Saturday night. He was remanded.

Mrs. Mowbray, who, it is alleged, has also been stabbed in the breast, is critically ill.

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N.C.O. TO GENERAL.

A PEN PICTURE OF PLASTIRAS.

(From a Special Correspondent.)

Commander Scouphopoulos, of the Royal Hellenic Navy, whose story of the Greek Revolution and the execution of the Athenian politicians was exclusively published in the "Pall Mall Gazette," has again been interviewed by a special correspondent.

"There is no truth whatever," he declared, "in the rumours which circulate in certain sections of the European Press concerning counter-revolutionary movements in Athens. Nor is there the slightest foundation for the suggestion that the elements of counter-revolution exist anywhere in Greece to-day.

GENERAL PLASTIRAS.

"The revolution, which I described in the 'Pall Mall Gazette,' was successful. The failure of the counter-revolutionaries was established, once for all, when the armed rabble of Athens gave up their rifles after the execution of the former Ministers.

Crisis Passed.

"The moment that crisis had passed all question of a fresh rising finally evaporated.

"Athens is waiting for the Lausanne Conference to end its labours. When the Conference is over the Greek elections will be proceeded with.

The Real Head.

General Plastiras is the real head of everything in Greece to-day, although Colonel Gonatas, a very able man, is the Prime Minister. After the Revolutionary Committee was dissolved General Plastiras was designated merely "Leader of the Revolution." That is his title at present, but in reality he is recognised by everyone as the greatest force in the country. He takes part, of course, in Cabinet Councils.

"Despite his record as a man of action, he is mild and modest by disposition, and has to his credit the adoption of nine children, orphans he has gathered up in various wars. These children live at his home in Thessaly.

"Devil on Horseback."

"Owing to his dark complexion and quick wits as a commander—he has taken many a rise out of the enemy by ruse and stratagem—the Turks have nicknamed him 'Satan,' or the 'Devil on Horseback.' His friends call him 'Gipsy.'

"Greeks know him to be as brave as a lion. Three times he has been promoted on the field for valour. Even the Constantinists wanted to make him a General, but he was too young. The people and the papers refer to him as 'Our hero Plastiras,' and with reason, for some of his exploits have been truly remarkable.

"He is distinguished for his decisive character and high intelligence. He has, by the way, climbed every rung of the military ladder, rising from the rank of N.C.O."

AEROPLANE SPEED RECORD.

PARIS, Monday.

The newspapers publish telegrams from their Marseilles correspondents stating that Sadi Lecointe, flying at Istres aerodrome, covered a kilometre at a speed of 348.02 kilometres per hour, beating his own record of 341 kilometres 239.

Sadi Lecointe thus holds the official world's record for flying speed, since the American record of 361 kilometres 290 has not yet been officially ratified.—Reuter.

Miss Maude Royden leaves Southampton for New York by the White Star Line steamer Homeric next Wednesday.

PLAINTIVE MARCHERS

NORTHERNERS DO NOT LIKE LONDON DIET.

WANT BACON BREAKFASTS.

The unemployed marchers who have come to London by road to vent their grievances are dissatisfied with the accommodation provided for them in the metropolis.

With a dozen banners, a hundred or so strong, and with a police patrol almost as numerous as themselves, they assembled on the Embankment this morning and sent a deputation to the Metropolitan Asylums Board with the object of securing "better treatment and proper maintenance" from the public authorities.

"Worse Than Prison Fare."

When the deputation left the Metropolitan Asylums Board, Mr. Hannington made the following statement:—

"We pointed out that these men had been treated in a disgusting fashion in the casual wards they had gone into, although they were promised they would be treated as guests.

"They have been given diet worse than that of the ordinary prison fare, and, moreover, they have no visible means of subsistence for to-night, seeing that the authorities say they can only take them in for two nights.

"We told the Board that unless they could offer something better than they have been given for the last two days we should certainly not permit the men to go back into those institutions.

What Is a Fair Diet?

"The chairman of the Metropolitan Asylums Board asked us what we considered was a fair diet for these men, some of whom had marched 700 miles.

"We suggested a diet that should be given to an ordinary civilian working man, such as meat and vegetables for dinner, bacon for breakfast, tea, bread and butter, and celery for tea, and something hot for supper.

"The chairman told us he could not on any account issue instructions for the diet we had named.

Off to Whitehall.

"We then decided to leave, and we are going to see the Minister of Health, because the chairman of the Board said that if the Minister gave instructions to issue the diet we have suggested he could do so."

The deputation, accompanied by the main body of marchers, then proceeded to Whitehall to visit the Minister of Health. The marchers were "shepherded" into St James's Park while their leaders went to the Ministry.

Subsequently their leaders informed them that they ha dbeen told that the Ministry could do nothing, as the matter was one for the Metropolitan Asylums Board.

CLOTHES TORN UP.

A SCOTTISH MARCHER'S WARDROBE PROBLEM.

At Kingston-on-Thames police-court, a burly engineer, Thomas O'Sullivan, who, it was stated, had marched from Scotland with the unemployed, made an unconventional appearance.

In the keen frosty air he was wheeled to the court by two constables on an ambulance, attired only in a shirt and waistcoat.

He had torn up the remainder of his clothes in his cell at the police-station.

It was found impossible to squeeze the conveyance through the door of the court, and the case was heard with O'Sullivan on the ambulance in the open doorway.

Admitting the truth of a charge of drunkenness, O'Sullivan said he tore up his clothes because they were dirty and unfit to wear.

The Clerk: How will be get clothes if he is remanded? How can he be removed to prison?

A Police Officer: He will have to go like he is now on the ambulance.

The Clerk: He can't be sent forth naked.

Accused was remanded for a week, and, smiling serenely, was wheeled back to the police station on the ambulance.

SILVER TRAY FOR M.F.H.

Mr. Stanley Brotherhood, late joint Master of the Fitzwilliam Milton Hunt, was presented to-day, at Elton Hall, Peterborough, by the Marquis of Exeter, on behalf of the members of the Hunt, with a silver coffee tray in appreciation of his services from 1919 to 1922.

MAN STABBED TO DEATH.

New Year's Eve in Glasgow was marred by a tragedy, a man named Henry McNeil, aged sixty-three, a pavior employed by the Corporation, dying from injuries alleged to have been inflicted by a knife.

A woman has been detained in connection with the affair.

BEER TOO DEAR TO BUY.

CONSUMPTION DROPS FIFTY PER CENT.

EXCHEQUER LOSES £30,000,000.

KILLING GOOSE THAT LAYS GOLDEN EGG.

The Brewers' Society, in a review of the brewing and licensed trade for the past year, record a drop in beer consumption of 50 per cent. compared with 1916.

Reckoned in b[illegible] consumption has declined a[illegible]ows:—

1916	36,000,000
1920	26,000,000
1921	23,000,000
1922	18,000,000

The decline in consumption both of beer and spirits is attributed to excessive taxation and to low wages and unemployment.

Compared with pre-war taxation the beer duty still remains thirteen times as great and the spirit duty five times as great.

Materials, except hops, are cheaper, but diminished and steadily falling output more than offsets that saving, and no reduction of the price of beer is said to be possible until the Chancellor of the Exchequer substantially reduces the duty.

Chancellor Hard Hit.

"The Chancellor, in his turn," says the report, "is feeling the pinch."

The revenue from beer has fallen as follows:—

1920	£123,000,000
1922	£90,000,000

The latter figure is for the current year, and purely an estimate.

"The Chancellor will be lucky if he gets as much as ninety millions," is how the report puts it.

Too Dear to Buy.

"The retail trade, especially in the North of England and the agricultural districts, is suffering badly from the inability of the would-be consumer to buy any but the very smallest quantity.

"Therefore," the review concludes, "both traders and the consuming public will await with more than usual interest the coming Budget, which, it is hoped, will afford them some substantial relief from a burden they have long borne with patience, but under which they are now becoming restive."

"ALL DRUNK."

PRISONER ACCUSES THE POLICE.

An extraordinary allegation was made by Arthur Charles Hewett, aged 20, a silver polisher, of Westmoreland-road, Walworth, when he was charged before Mr. Hay Halkett at Lambeth with being drunk and disorderly.

The evidence of two police-constables was to the effect that at midnight they found the prisoner riding an unlighted cycle at Albany-road, Camberwell, and as he was abusive he was arrested.

Prisoner, on oath, denied that he had had anything to drink—not a drop.

Mr. Hay Halkett: Then the two police officers must have committed perjury when they said you smelt strongly of drink?

Prisoner: One of the officers smelt very strongly of drink.

Mr. Hay Halkett: Then it is a question of a drunken policeman taking a sober man for nothing?

Prisoner: That's right, sir. At the police-station they kicked me in the stomach. I went into the charge-room and they were all drunk,, every one of them. It took four policemen to get me to the cells.

Mr. Hay Halkett: Because they were so drunk that they couldn't do the work of one?

Prisoner: Very likely, sir.

Mr. Hay Halkett: In what state was the sergeant who took the charge?

Prisoner: He was more drunk than the lot of them.

Looking at the charge-sheet the magistrate said it was remarkable that a drunken sergeant should write such a beautiful hand.

The prisoner was remanded on bail.

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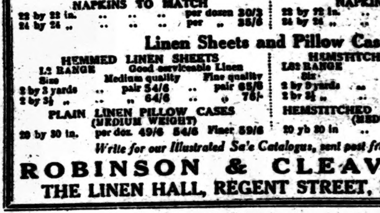

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THE 8.25.

(XXXVIII.)

By CALLISTHENES.

CHARACTERS.

MR. JONES LLOYD	Something in the Law.
MR. STOCKS	Something in the City.
LIEUT. STRONG (Brian)	Something at the Admiralty.
MYSELF	Nothing in particular.
MRS. HUNTER	Wives.
MRS. STOCKS	
MRS. STRONG (Brian's Sister-in-Law)	
MRS. JONES LLOYD	

Children, Relatives, and Strangers.

Scene: A Compartment in the 8.25 from Somewhere in Surrey to Victoria.

We had all wished each other a happy and prosperous New Year and exchanged the conventional greetings for the day before the engine of the 8.25 had had sufficient time to gain its breath to pull us out of the station on our first journey of the year.

"I am determined that 1923 shall be a lucky year," said Mrs. Stocks, "so determined, indeed, that at 7 o'clock this morning I gave the postman a cup of tea."

"Well, that was lucky for him, anyway," said Brian, "especially on a cold morning like this."

"It was not really kindness of heart," confessed Mrs. Stocks, "but the fact is, our postman is a dark man, and it is considered to be good luck if the first person to cross your threshold on New Year's Day is a dark man."

"I see," said Mrs. Strong, "and because as a rule the postman does not actually cross your threshold you enticed him in with a hot cup of tea."

"I'm afraid," laughed Mr. Stocks, "we cannot all ensure a good year by so simple an expedient."

"Indeed, no," agreed Mr. Jones Lloyd, "and as for luck, I am not sure that I believe in it at all, good or bad."

"Not believe in luck!" cried Mrs. Hunter, in horrified tones. "Why, good gracious me, the man is almost a heathen!"

When the laughter caused by this outburst had subsided Mr. Jones Lloyd explained. "I think that so-called 'good luck' is largely the natural result of our own endeavours, and that bad 'luck' is the consequence of wrongly directed or possibly total lack of effort on our part."

"But surely," said Mrs. Stocks, "you will agree that some people have, for example, more opportunities than others?"

"Even that," replied Mr. Jones Lloyd, "I am prepared to deny, though I will say that some people are quicker to take advantage of opportunity than others. We will say, for instance, that Mr. Stocks here carries through a successful speculation in shares at his City office. He makes a considerable sum out of the transactions, and all his competitors say he is a lucky man. The truth of the matter would probably be that Mr. Stocks had been carefully watching the markets, and watching them, too, with a trained financial eye. The credit for his success should properly be given to his good judgment rather than to his good luck."

"I wish I had the opportunity to prove your words," laughed Mr. Stocks.

"It is the same in all directions of business as well as in private life," continued Mr. Jones Lloyd. "Progress, in my opinion, is governed by rightly directed effort, and not by mere chance; were it otherwise, life would be a very haphazard affair indeed."

"Very well," said Brian, "we will coincide your argument. Luck is out of luck this morning, so I propose that we in this carriage pass a joint New Year's Resolution."

"Put your resolution," said Mr. Stocks.

"It is that we should one and all decide that our first act in London today should be one of considered judgment, and that should these acts of ours prove successful we will continue on the same common-sense lines of personal effort throughout the year."

"Agreed," said we all.

"And what shall you do first?" Mr. Stocks asked his wife jokingly.

"I am going to Selfridge's first—of course," she replied.

"That's lucky," said Mr. Jones Lloyd. "So am I and——"

He actually blushed with confusion, and amid our general laughter at his slip of the tongue the 8.25 drew us into London.

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WORK MAKES WORK.

SOME OF THE PRESSING JOBS FOR 1923.

The Archbishop of CANTERBURY furnishes the most serviceable motto for the New Year, in recommending the nation to settle down to "steady, plodding, constructive work." It is advice which has an equal application to public affairs and to the programme of the private citizen.

Of all methods for helping the unemployed, there is none more direct than for those who have got work to put their very best efforts into it. Many Labour leaders are still victims of the opposite fallacy that slack work and short hours will create a larger amount of employment for others. It is this foolish creed that has helped to land us where we are. Low production means dear goods; dear goods mean few purchasers; and a falling market means rapid discharges from employment.

We have to reverse this sinister process. Hard work and high production enable standing charges to be distributed over a larger quantity of goods, so that prices can be lowered all round. Lower prices permit of a wider consumption, and that again brings a demand which sets factory wheels a-going.

Much of the work of politics in 1923 will also have to be steady and plodding—what is called "collar-work," without much opportunity for brilliant gestures and perorations, but involving a great deal of patience and hard thinking. In their endeavours to revive business, Ministers will have to apply themselves to the promotion of peace abroad, and we can see from the adjournment of the last London Conference and from the deadlock at Lausanne how tedious a process that is likely to be.

While diplomacy is at its persevering work, there is the improvement of Empire trade to be attended to. This represents one of our very foremost interests in a world in which the disposition is to raise tariffs higher against us than ever. After twenty years of up-and-down controversy, we are confronted once more with the fact that the only sure and stable markets on which we can depend are those within the Empire itself. It is increasingly urgent that we should organise these and make the most of them.

Then we are seriously in arrears over aviation. Our position as regards air defence is itself a grave anxiety, but it is not less serious that other countries are organising the air traffic of the world and leaving only a subordinate sphere for our sluggish efforts. We got a great start from being the first with railways. We shall pay stiffly for being last in the air.

And lastly there is as pressing a call as any in the imminent collapse of our agriculture. Are we going to let the countryside descend into ruin, and see its population pouring into the towns to join the scramble for work there? If not, how are we going to stop it? Those are questions that will have to be looked very plainly in the face before 1923 is much older.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

New Year Honours :—Lord Balfour and Geneva :—Old Age Pensions :—The Public Trustee :—Passengers' Luggage :—Real Fairies ?

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1923.

New Year Honours.

The Prime Minister's New Year Honours List did not appear to-day, as Mr. Bonar Law decided some time ago that the names included in it should be considered by the Committee of the Privy Council in accordance with the recommendations of the Royal Commission. There is, I understand, every prospect of the list appearing before the end of the month.

To-day's list is very largely departmental, but the appointments include baronetcies for Sir Nevil Macready, Mr. Thomas Paxton, the Lord Provost of Glasgow, and Dr. Spilsbury, the eminent pathologist.

Sir Nevil Macready.

Sir Nevil Macready, after very distinguished service in the war, first as Adjutant-General in France and then as Adjutant-General to the Forces, became Commissioner of Metropolitan Police.

Two years ago he went to Ireland as General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, and passed through the terrible period that ended with the passing of the Irish Free State Constitution Act with a calm courage and fine sense of high responsibility which won him the admiration of even his bitterest foes.

Dr. Spilsbury.

There is no man more familiar to the public as an expert witness for the Crown than Dr. Spilsbury. In nearly all the murder trials of recent years, particularly where poison was concerned, he has been an outstanding figure.

Dr. Spilsbury was in the Armstrong case last year, and only the other day gave important evidence in the Ilford murder trial. He is regarded by the Bench, Bar, and public as an ideal witness.

Knighthood for Blind K.C.

Great satisfaction will be felt that many years of public service performed under the shadow of a great affliction should have been recognised in the knighthood conferred upon Mr. Henry Studdy Theobald, K.C., Master in Lunacy.

Thirteen years ago, soon after his appointment, Mr. Theobald was stricken with blindness. Two years later his sight was restored for a while. Then it went altogether. Knowing that there was no hope of recovery, he decided to give up his post, but Lord Loreburn, then Lord Chancellor, would not accept his resignation.

Since then his wife has been his constant helpmate in his work, and with her assistance Mr. Theobald has completed a revision of the Rules of Lunacy. He is seventy-four.

Mr. Basil Clarke.

Though Mr. Basil Clarke, one of the new knights, has been in the Government service for several years, he is a journalist. A war correspondent until 1918, he became Director of the Special Intelligence Branch of the Ministry of Reconstruction, and since 1920 has been Director of the Public Information Branch of the Ministry of Health.

He is a writer of distinction, and has had a wide experience.

Prince Andrew's Rescuer.

Commander Gerald Francis Talbot, whose name appears among the new K.C.V.O.'s, was formerly Naval Attaché at Athens, and it was he who rescued Prince Andrew of Greece from the revolutionaries and conveyed him to safety in a British cruiser. On his return, only the other day, he told the King the dramatic story of the rescue.

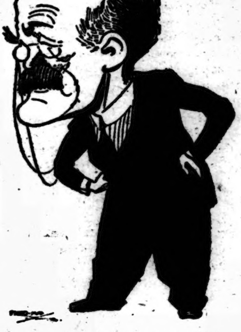
Lord Balfour and Geneva.

Lord Balfour having finished his course of Gifford Lectures at Glasgow University, is now having a rest at Whittingehame before proceeding to Geneva later on in the month, where, so I am informed, he will, at the special asking of the Prime Minister, continue as chief British delegate on the League of Nations Council, when it proceeds to discuss the Austrian relief scheme.

In the interim Lord Balfour will probably entertain Mr. Lloyd George, who has promised on his return from Algeciras to go North to deliver a rather overdue Rectorial Address.

Mr. James Sexton, M.P.

Mr. James Sexton, C.B.E., C.C., J.P., M.P., has been general secretary of the National Union of Dock Labourers since 1890, and was president of the Trade Union Congress in 1905.



MR. JAMES SEXTON, M.P.

He is something of a poet, and on occasion his verses have appeared in print, while his serial stories and "The Riot Act," a play in three acts, produced at Liverpool, have met with a considerable measure of success. Mr. Sexton was born at Newcastle in 1856.

Old Age Pensions.

The growth of what may be called eleemosynary legislation has long perturbed the rigid economist, and must always be a disturbing element in our social-political relations.

I see that the complaint is being made with regard to old age pensions that they penalise the provident, and once more the suggestion is made that the pensions should be irrespective of income.

Of course, it is the ideal of any taxation that those who pay should all and always be beneficiaries, but I am inclined to think that a universal old age pension would cost very much more than it was worth, and that the little injustice which may occur under the present rule costs far less than would the very drastic remedy proposed.

The Public Trustee.

The announcement that the Public Trustee's office is paying its way, taken in conjunction with the reduction in fees from to-day, is satisfactory news for the taxpayer.

Of course, this office is of value, but I am not sure that it is needed as badly to-day as it was when it was founded, or that in a decade or so it will be needed at all.

The Public Trustee was brought into existence to check the prevalence of fraudulent trusteeships. To-day, however, the great joint stock banks are always prepared to act, and that being so there is very little need for a semi-official Department.

However, it is good to know that the fees charged by this office are reduced.

Passengers' Luggage.

The action of the railway companies in putting before the Railway Rates Tribunals the suggestion that passengers' luggage shall no longer be carried free, but shall be subject to a charge per lb., to be fixed, is important.

It is the principle that the companies now desire to have accepted; they will arrange the charges afterwards.

I am sure they will.

The trouble, of course, is to prevent the "principle"—as mischievous a principle as I have ever met—from being established.

Parliament and the Traveller.

The Rates Tribunal is not under any popular control whatever. Yet it will be able to give away our money just as if it were elected for the especial purpose of scattering largesse.

Railway travellers' associations in various districts will be well advised to get into touch with local members of Parliament, so that, if the mischief is done during the Parliamentary holiday, it can be repaired immediately Parliament meets.

Real Fairies?

I wonder what is the theory at the back of the claim that real fairies have been photographed.

The photographs always show dainty little figures, miniatures of Drury Lane's idea of a fairy.

When did this little winged figure, this thing of air and gossamer, become the authentic thing?

The fairies were once supposed to be powerful and terrible, and at least life-size. Had a spirit photographer been at large in those days, would he have secured a photograph of these imposing immortals?

Fairies of Other Days.

Everyone must see what hangs upon the answer to this question.

If it is in the affirmative, then the believers in the present prints—as being authentic likenesses of beings which conform to our present idea of a fairy—must also believe that for every such creation of the human imagination there is somewhere a sort of a something that can be photographed.

It takes some swallowing!

Got It By Gaelic.

My note on Mr. Ian Macpherson brings me the information, from one who has known him since before he entered Parliament, that it was mainly through his knowledge of Gaelic that, on the death of the late Mr. Galloway Weir, who represented Ross in the House of Commons, he got his chance.

Several candidates were reviewed by the local association, and ultimately reduced to two, Mr. Macpherson and a wealthy Greek of the House of Ralli.

It was no time for recrimination. Mac simply "togged up" in national costume, made a speech in Gaelic, in which he is most proficient, and in the end was the official Liberal candidate. He won the seat, and looks like keeping it.

Glasgow's Orchestral Music.

There is a possibility, I learn, that Sir Landon Ronald may not return to Glasgow next season to conduct the concerts given under the auspices of the Choral and Orchestral Union.

Sir Landon frankly confesses that he is disappointed at the poor attendances at the Tuesday concerts in Glasgow, and he does not hesitate to make a comparison with his experience in Edinburgh, where there have been crowded and enthusiastic audiences.

It will be a great regret to the famous conductor if circumstances prevent him reappearing in Glasgow, and he makes the suggestion himself that, in order to appeal to a wider public, conductors like Sir Henry Wood, Sir George Henschel, and Kussevitsky should be invited to lead the orchestra.

If such an arrangement were made Sir Landon would also be willing to conduct one or two of the concerts at Glasgow.

Pigeon Shooting.

The question of pigeon-shooting at Monte Carlo has again been raised consequent on the publication of a manifesto which protests against "the horrible cruelties" of the practice. The objection on the part of visitors is much more to the incessant reports of the guns than to any so-called cruelty.

I have spent many hours watching the various competitions from the members' pavilion, and in that time had seen less cruelty than that occasioned by a single "battue" of pheasants when wounded birds carry on into the coverts, there to die.

On a still day at Monte Carlo not one pigeon in twenty fails to be shot dead by the first barrel, and not one in fifty flies out to sea wounded, the second barrel accounting for those touched by the first. On a windy day many birds escape unscathed. But the sound of the shots does interfere with their enjoyment of the beauty of the landscape by the promenaders on the Terrace.

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THE MIRRORS OF WESTMINSTER.

L. G.'s Faulty Memory—Chairs in the Commons—When Black Rod Interrupted a Debate—A Peep Behind the Scenes.

By the Gentleman with the Knuckle-duster.

Mr. Lloyd George will be well advised to have recourse to some system of mnemonics, for it is very evident that his memory is becoming increasingly defective. It was only the other day that his memory was found grievously at fault over the circulation of the Gounaris correspondence by the Foreign Office last spring, and now, in the latest of the highly remunerated contributions from his pen, his memory has played him false once again.

In this last article of his, he has recalled some of the incidents of that memorable scene of nearly thirty years ago, in the House of Commons, when the late Mr. Gladstone moved the second reading of the second—and the last—of his Home Rule Bills. "When the doors were opened," writes Mr. Lloyd George, "there was the unwonted sight of a throng of hustling M.P.'s pressing through the swing doors to secure their seats. Rows of chairs were arrayed on the floor of the House. That," he adds, "was an innovation never since followed."

It is not very pleasant to contradict so definite a statement by so eminent a Parliamentarian, but the interests of strict accuracy leave no other course open. For, as a matter of fact, the innovation of placing chairs in the centre of the floor of the House was repeated on that still more memorable day—August 3, 1914—when every available member swooped down upon the House in feverish eagerness to learn from the authoritative lips of Sir Edward Grey the latest item of official information in regard to Germany's attitude and the consequent possibility of this country's entrance into the bloody arena.

It is strange that Mr. Lloyd George, who was present on that historic occasion, and consequently saw, with his own eyes, the uniqueness of its setting, with its serried rows of chairs on the floor of the House, should have forgotten its thrilling memories. If, therefore, Homer will nod, he must not be astonished to find some of us tucking at his sleeve just by way of a reminder that such aberration is not permissible to so exalted a personage.

It is to be regretted that, in recalling the memory of a recent scene on the floor of the House, when his speech on the state of British agriculture was interrupted by the dramatic entrance of Black Rod, Mr. Lloyd George has not let his world-wide readers into the secret of what really transpired on his way, in the procession of the Commons, to the House of Lords in response to the summons of Black Rod.

Inasmuch as he has chosen to be absolutely silent on this matter, beyond just a passing reference to "my short journey to and from the Upper Chamber," and inasmuch as I happen to know what occurred on this "short journey," I feel emboldened to make it public for the first time.

As will be recalled, in the debate on the amendment to the Address, which had been moved by one of his National Liberal followers, in a demand for an official inquiry into the state of agriculture, Mr. Lloyd George delivered a speech which was marked with all the characteristic features of his oratory—fervid declamation, vivid phraseology, and telling appeal. To all such as were skilled in the art of political divination, it was very evident that he was laying himself out, in preparation for the next appeal to the country, to capture the vote and interest of the British farmer, who has hitherto been the mainstay of the Tory party.

To a shrewd observer like Mr. Bonar Law the real object of Mr. Lloyd George's action, as he thus masqueraded in the rôle of "Farmer Jarge," was self-evident. But the troubled expression on his face was by no means begotten of a fear that the little Welsh wizard might succeed in thus filching away from the Tory Party the support of the agricultural community. His anxiety arose from the survey of the needs of the present rather than from a contemplation of the possibilities of the future. He fully realised that, in view of the slackness of so many of his own supporters, a combination of the three separate parties, which occupied the Opposition benches, might well serve to lower the Government majority in the Division Lobby to a dangerous point.

That was the danger which he scented in Mr. Lloyd George's plea. He knew better than anyone else that, while his predecessor was thus purring over the needs of the British farmer, his highly-energised brain was eagerly devising some strategic move to bring about the discomfiture, if not indeed the defeat, of the Government.

It was the knowledge of that fact that puckered the Prime Minister's countenance with undisguised anxiety as he listened to Mr. Lloyd George's speech, and marked every significant inflexion in the tone of his voice.

Disconcerting as was Black Rod's appearance to Mr. Lloyd George at the very moment when he was enforcing his plea with the recital of some telling statistics, it manifestly brought relief to Mr. Bonar Law. It afforded him a favourable opportunity for coming to terms with his thinly-veiled adversary. As many of my readers are aware, whenever Black Rod comes to the House of Commons to summon the faithful Commons to the Upper Chamber to hear a Royal message, the Speaker immediately steps down from the Chair and accompanies Black Rod to the other House. In his wake the Commons follow in procession—two by two, headed by the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition.

On the second day of the new Session Mr. Asquith graciously made way for the Leader of the Labour party in ready acknowledgment of the fact that as the Labour party was the largest of the Opposition groups, its leader had a prescriptive right to take his place alongside of the Leader of the House.

When, however, Black Rod made his appearance on the occasion of the debate on the agricultural amendment to the Address, Mr. Ramsay Macdonald was conspicuously absent from his place. But Mr. Asquith, for reasons known only to himself, deliberately refrained from exercising his right of accompanying Mr. Bonar Law at the head of the procession to the other House. Indeed, he turned his back upon the procession and walked out of the Chamber behind the Speaker's Chair.

In the absence of the official leaders of two of the three parties on the Opposition benches, Mr. Lloyd George had no course open to him other than to place himself at the side of Mr. Bonar Law at the head of the procession. The distance that divides the two Houses is a short one, but it was long enough for Mr. Bonar Law's purpose. After five years' association with Mr. Lloyd George, in daily and almost hourly intimacy, an astute observer like Mr. Bonar Law could not fail to read him through and through. In Biblical phrase, he knows his uprisings and his down-settings. He is versed in his psychology in every one of its ever-varying phases. Consequently he knew exactly where to find the vulnerable heel of Achilles before the length of the intervening corridor had been traversed.

As a result, the two leaders had come to an agreement by the time they had reached the Upper Chamber. It was mutually agreed between them that the moment Mr. Lloyd George brought his speech to a close Mr. Bonar Law should forthwith rise and agree to the establishment of the desired inquiry, and that as a result Mr. Lloyd George should arrange for the withdrawal of the amendment. This is exactly what happened. Hence the reason why at the close of that Debate Mr. Bonar Law's troubled expression had given way to a significant smile. The strategist had been successfully outmanœuvred.

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CONVICT CONMY.

A NEW HOME FOR THE NEW YEAR,

BUT NO "CHEW OF BACCY."

OFF TO THE WILDS OF DARTMOOR.

Conmy, the daring convict who twice broke prison last year, was to-day removed from Parkhurst, Isle of Wight, to Dartmoor.

Dressed in civilian clothes, with topcoat and soft felt hat, and handcuffed to another prisoner, with three warders in charge, Conmy left by the eight o'clock passenger steamer from Cowes.

He smiled at the other passengers as the party passed through the gate at Cowes Pier.

Conmy's companion asked the ticket examiner for a chew of tobacco, and when the latter replied he did not use tobacco the convict, with a look of disappointment, said, "What hard lines on New Year's morning!"

Adventurous Spirit.

Conmy, when he made his first dash for liberty, broke into the prison chaplain's house and also a prison officers' messroom.

Wearing the chaplain's great coat and hat, and with the necks of bottles protruding from his coat pocket, he made his way to neighbouring woods, and there lay hidden for several days.

Cold, hungry, and on the point of exhaustion, he was at last driven to beg at a farm door for food.

He was recognised by the farmer, and raised no objection to the latter's suggestion that he should return quietly to the prison.

Conmy, in his second attempt, was even less successful, being recaptured within a few hours.

Dartmoor's Record.

Dartmoor, Conmy's new home, has for some years past been remarkably free from prison breaking.

Not a single case has been recorded since the conclusion of the war, when, after a period as a detention camp for conscientious objectors, it reverted to its old character of convict prison.

Many escapes were attempted before the war, but there is no recorded case of a prisoner getting clean away.

Under cover of fog, men at work outside the prison walls—on the moors reclaiming bogland, in the prison quarries or prison farm—made daring dashes from their guards, but recapture was inevitable.

Often they were fired at, and on one occasion a convict was shot dead as he leapt over a boundary wall.

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NEW CAMBRIDGE COLLEGE

ROYAL ACADEMY PRESIDENT TO DESIGN BUILDINGS.

Sir Aston Webb, President of the Royal Academy, has been commissioned, states the "Industrial Daily News," to design the new buildings for the Wesleyan College at Cambridge University.

The Wesleyan College at Cambridge was founded last year in order to provide facilities for Wesleyan students to take the divinity course at one of the premier Universities.

A fund of £66,000 is already available, and it is hoped to secure a further £22,000 to complete the £40,000 required for endowment.

WOMAN'S HUNTING MISHAP

WIFE OF JOINT MASTER BADLY KICKED.

During a run of the Burton Hounds near Langworth (Lincs.) Mrs. Hope Barton, wife of the joint master, took a bad fall, and the horse, in endeavouring to rise, kicked her on the head, inflicting a nasty scalp wound and rendering her unconscious.

Mrs. Barton was taken home by car, and is now reported to be progressing satisfactorily.

PRINCESS MARY.

Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles will return to Chesterfield House at the end of the week from Goldsborough Hall.

TO-DAY'S TONIC TALK.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS.

By Dr. FRANK CRANE.

The New Year is here. It is inventory time. Let us look over the stock of habits, ideas, and relationships we have accumulated the past twelve months and clean up.

The New Year's resolution is a good thing. Why drift along, the slave and plaything of our unmanaged desires and of our accidental circumstances? Why not be our own master and live one year like an intelligent human being?

Examine your habits. Lop off the bad ones. Free yourself from any ways you have fallen into that make you lazy, unhealthy, miserable, and disagreeable to other people.

Determine this year to be master of self; that you will control your thoughts, regulate your passions, and guide your own deeds; that you will not let events lead you by the nose.

Resolve to be happy. Remember Lincoln's saying that "folks are usually about as happy as they make up their minds to be."

Dr. FRANK CRANE.

This year you shall not neglect your friends. They are too valuable, as life assets, to lose.

You will adopt some system and stick to it, knowing that nine-tenths of our irritation comes from lack of system.

Lay out a course of study. No one is too old to learn. Resolve to give some time each day to reading some helpful book. Cut out the trash.

Resolve to keep an account of all the money you get and of all you spend. You may have tried this many times and failed. Never mind; you are still alive and have the chance to try it again.

Save. Put a certain fraction by of all you make. There's no friend like money in the bank.

Don't spend any money till you get it. Don't go into debt. Beware of buying all those things you "must have," for you mustn't have anything until you can pay for it.

Resolve to take daily exercise.

Eliminate worry. This year make up your mind to fret over nothing. Adjust yourself to facts instead of getting into a stew over them. If a matter can be helped, help it; if it cannot be helped, forget it.

This year resolve to keep discord out of the house. Nobody can quarrel with you if you do not quarrel with him. Say to yourself that you will not once in 1923 speak crossly to your children; that you will not say one unkind word to your husband or wife, and that you will keep agreeable if it takes a leg.

This may be the last year you will have. Make it a good one.

DR. CRANE'S NEXT "TALK" WILL APPEAR TO-MORROW.

YACHTMASTER DIES IN WORKHOUSE.

CAPT. ROOD, WHO TRIED FOR AMERICA CUP.

The death has occurred in the Isle of Wight Workhouse Infirmary, at the age of eighty-one, of Captain Richard Rood, of Cowes, formerly a well-known yacht master.

He navigated the famous schooner Cambria in a race across the Atlantic fifty-two years ago, and afterwards competed against the American schooner Magic for the America Cup.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The depression advancing from the Atlantic will cause the wind to back to South-West and freshen before long in all districts. Fair, cold weather is expected, followed by dull to rainy and milder conditions with strong winds or gales later in the West.

Further Outlook.—Stormy and unsettled weather generally with heavy showers of rain, hail, or sleet and accompanied in places by thunder and lightning.

Milk 4d. a Quart.

At Peterville St. Agnes, Cornwall, milk is being retailed at 4d. per quart.

Taking No Risks.

An empty 18-pounder shell found in Evelina-road, Peckham, was removed by the police to Peckham police-station in a pail of water.

King of Siam's Birthday.

King George sent a representative to the Siamese Chargé d'Affaires to offer his congratulations on the anniversary of the King of Siam's birthday.

Well-known Botanist Dead.

M. Gaston Bonnier, the well-known French botanist, died yesterday. His researches played an important part in the scientific life of France.

Duck Hunt Tragedy.

Ridley Coulson, a miner, of Seaton Delaval, Northumberland, who went out on a wild duck shooting expedition, has been found dead near his home.

Royal Philharmonic Concert.

Signor Toscani, conductor at the Scala, Milan, being unable to visit England, Mr. Eugene Goossens will conduct the Royal Philharmonic Society's February concert.

Two Hours' Mutiny.

Turin's Royal Guards mutinied on Saturday owing to a decision to amalgamate them with the Carabinieri, or regular police, but the mutiny was suppressed in two hours.

15th Century Ring Dug Up.

A 15th century gold ring, with a black diamond, which has been unearthed by a farmer in a ploughed field at Beer Crowcombe, near Taunton, is inscribed: "Hope comforts mee."

Early Closing Law.

A Bill will be presented in the new Session of Parliament to secure as a permanent measure the compulsory closing of shops at 8 p.m. from Monday to Friday, and at 9 p.m. on Saturday.

THE "PALL MALL."

A LEAD TO CONSERVATIVE CLUBS.

To the EDITOR of the PALL MALL GAZETTE.

SIR,—On my motion at the executive meeting on Friday, the 28th ult., it was resolved to add the "Pall Mall Gazette" to papers in the reading room in place of one which recently proved to be a hybrid, changing colour for no "apparent" reason.

And why not all Conservative Clubs?

Information would, I am sure, be afforded by Mr. J. S. Underhill, chief agent of the National Unionist Association, Palace-chambers, Bridge-street, Westminster, S.W. 1.

H. H. BOLTON,
Chairman, Political Committee.
Camberwell, Peckham, and Dulwick Conservative Club, Hanover Park, S.E. 15.

DR. CRANE—AND "THE PAST."

To the EDITOR of the PALL MALL GAZETTE.

SIR,—As one of Dr. Crane's millions of admirers I saw to-day with lively anticipation his Talk on "The Past." Now, no one can appreciate or value more than myself Dr. Crane's effort to "vulgarise"—i.e., to bring down to the comprehension of the masses, his "millions," the teaching of those who, in the past, have lived and suffered, and handed down to their successors the lessons of wisdom drawn from their own experience, and it is quite legitimate to adopt and summarise such teaching as the common heritage of civilised life; but the popular writer (the "best seller") is bound in honour either to name no authorities or to name them correctly.

What right has Dr. Crane to credit Goethe (inferentially) with the authorship of St. Augustine's sublime conception of a "Ladder" of vices and failures to God? Let him read his own countryman Longfellow's lines ("The Ladder of St. Augustine"):—

St. Augustine, well hast thou said,
  That of our lives we can frame
A ladder, if we will but tread
  Beneath our feet each deed of shame.

We need no Longfellow, Goethe, or Tennyson, or, may I say, Crane, to do more than send us to the great human sinner and saint, Augustine.

Dec. 29. A. T. N.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

During the cleaning out of an acetylene gas plant at a shipbreaking yard at Briton Ferry, near Swansea, yesterday, an explosion occurred through the ignition of gas.

Thomas Phillip, thirty-six, was killed and George Evans was badly burnt.

AFTER DINNER HOUR

DANCED OFF THEIR FEET.

On the Floor for Six Hours Forty-five Minutes.

What is claimed to be a world's record of endurance in the waltz was established some time ago by a Parisian couple. It previously belonged to a Marseillais and his partner, a Marseillaise, but they have been beaten by half an hour. The record was won at a waltz tournament held in the Salle Wagram, specially rented for the occasion.

The contest began at 10.55 in the evening. A dozen couples stood on the floor, and at the word "Go!" from the timekeeper and chief of the jury started waltzing. At first they enjoyed the tournament thoroughly, but after two or three hours of it the exercise began to pall, though no one was lazy enough to give up at that early stage.

On With the Dance!

Waltzing went on through the night. The jurymen fell asleep constantly in their seats. The unfortunate bandsmen were continually dropping off, too, and rousing themselves by an effort. Still the competitors waltzed on. A single stop of one second put a couple out of court.

Towards three a.m. one couple acknowledged defeat, and fell exhausted into chairs. Two hours later six pairs of competitors were still on the floor, and said they were fresh, though they hardly looked it. The jurymen wished they had never started the contest at all, as it appeared likely to go on for ever. But, after five o'clock, couples dropped out, more dead than alive, in quick succession.

Speechless!

At half-past five only two were left, M. Vincent and Mlle. Scherieu and M. Pinaud and Mlle. Agathe. They still revolved almost mechanically, and totally speechless. Pots of beer were handed to them frequently as they turned. At last, after an exciting struggle, M. Pinaud and Mlle. Agathe stopped, and staggered, gasping, to seats.

Left alone on the floor, M. Vincent and Mlle. Scherieu, by superhuman efforts, succeeded in turning round for one minute longer, then, in their turn, sank down on sofas, greeted by cheering as loud as sleepy onlookers could make it, having waltzed for six hours and forty-five minutes on end without even a momentary rest.

KIPLING'S WITTY GRANDFATHER.

Rudyard Kipling undoubtedly got his wit from his maternal grandfather, the Rev. George B. Macdonald, a Wesleyan clergyman.

It is related of this gentleman that in the days when he was courting the lady whom he afterwards married, the father-in-law to be—an aged Methodist with extremely strict notions in regard to the proprieties—was injudicious enough on one occasion to enter the parlour without giving any warning of his approach.

The consequence was that he found the sweethearts occupying a single chair.

Deeply shocked by this spectacle, the old man solemnly said:—

"Mr. Macdonald, when I was courting Mrs. Brown, she sat on one side of the room and I on the other."

Macdonald's reply was:—

"That's what I should have done if I had been courting Mrs. Brown."

HORS D'ŒUVRE

GAELIC RIDDLES.

Gaelic riddles are mostly in rhymed couplets, and are difficult to render into English; but the following are specimens:—

"Who is it that goes across the water, and comes from over the water, whose voice is not heard, who cannot speak a word, and who yet can tell us a story?" The answer is a newspaper.

"A girl went out between two woods and returned between two waters: what was she doing?" The answer is that she went out with a pair of wooden water stoups empty, one in each hand, and that she returned with them full of water.

"Who is it that is always cross and combative, that never wears a coat of his own, but somebody else's?" The answer is a soldier crab; it is always found in a whelk shell, with threatening claws protruding through the aperture.

"What is that species of capercailzie (literally, horse of the wood) that owns a numerous set of sharpest teeth, whose only food is woollen thread, that is always double-bridled, but never saddled, and that can go as fast as the wind, and yet moves not from the same spot?" The answer is a spinning-wheel.

WHEN UNIVERSITIES WERE FOUNDED.

An interesting compilation of the dates of the founding of the great Universities of the world has been made as follows:—

The University of Oxford was founded by King Alfred in 872; the first college of the University of Cambridge was founded by Hugo, Bishop of Ely, in 1257; the University of Paris was founded by King Philip II. about 1200.

The first University of the German Empire was at Prague, Bohemia, 1348; Trinity College, Dublin, was incorporated by Royal charter in 1591; the University of Edinburgh, the youngest in Scotland, was founded in 1582 by a charter by King James IV. of Scotland, 171 years after St. Andrews, the most ancient.

Harvard University had its beginning at Newton, afterwards Cambridge, Mass., in 1636; Yale University had its beginning at Saybrook, Conn., in 1700, and was removed to New Haven, in 1716, and the William and Mary College was started in 1617, and was chartered at Williamsburg, Va., in 1693.

MOLTKE AS WHIST PLAYER.

Moltke, the great German general, was very fond of card-playing. He preferred a quiet game of whist to all the cheers of the mob, and even during the great war of 1870-1 he could never go to sleep without his rubber. But he did not like losing. He, who had never known defeat in war, was greatly annoyed at any reverse at the card table. His family were careful, when they played with him, to let him rise a winner, if they were sure he would not detect them in so doing. "It is really wonderful how I win, in spite of my bad play," he said on one of these occasions, but yet he never seemed to have any suspicions that his relatives were not quite playing the game.

ACTOR'S SARCASM.

Ex-Hero: "Ah, my boy, when I played 'Hamlet' the audience took fifteen minutes to leave the house." Vicious ex-Comedian (coldly): "Was he lame?"

ANIMALS LIKE MUSIC.

Hare that Stopped, Looked, and Listened.

A musical experiment that is unique has been conducted recently in France. It was resolved to institute concerts for animals for the purpose of observing the effects of music upon them.

The results of the observations established the fact that disconnected tone on stringed instruments created no effect upon horses beyond causing some of the animals to manifest signs of impatience, but when a melody was played the horses turned toward the players, pricked up their ears, and showed plainly the pleasure they experienced.

Bagpipes Barred.

An orchestral concert was given before the elephants in the Jardin des Plantes. The animals became excited and impatient when passionate music was played, but calm when a sustained, melodious and flowing style was adopted.

Dogs were found to be partial to the various instruments according to breed, but the dog that will show affection or even respect for the bagpipes is not yet born.

Dogs have marked musical likes and dislikes. Some have a liking for, others aversion to the piano, violin, and flute, but all become enraged when tunes were played at a very rapid rate.

Favourite Composers.

It was found also that dogs had frequently their favourite composers, and would prefer Handel to Beethoven, Mozart to Mendelssohn, Brahms to Schumann, Moscheles to Chopin, but none was discovered to show an appreciation for Wagner.

The late Rev. R. Eastcote, of Exeter, once told the story of five choristers who, one Sunday evening, were walking along the banks of the Mersey in Cheshire. After a time they sat down on the grass and began to sing an anthem. A hare passing with great swiftness toward the place where they were sitting stopped at about twenty yards distance from them.

Return to Concert.

She appeared to be highly delighted with the music, and as soon as the singing ceased returned slowly to the wood. When she had nearly reached the end of the field the choristers began to sing again.

The hare stopped, turned round, and came swiftly to the same place and remained listening in seeming rapture and delight until the singing ceased, when she returned to the woods.

"THE TWINS."

When Sir Douglas Straight and Montagu Williams were at the Bar together they were usually spoken of as "the twins," because of their great friendship. On one occasion they had been hotly opposing each other in a case at the Guildhall, and on leaving the court went off arm-in-arm to the place where they had agreed to lunch. A bystander, who had listened to their hot controversy in the court, observed sarcastically:—

"Lor, Bill, ain't we bin sold! It's all a put-up job. Just look at 'em now—arm-in-arm, roarin' and larfin'."

THE POVERTY OF MRS. LINCOLN.

HER LETTERS AFTER DEATH OF U.S. PRESIDENT.

BITTER COMMENT.

"GREAT INJUSTICE OF A NATION."

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, Thursday.

Two remarkable letters, declared to have been written by the wife of Abraham Lincoln, have just been produced in New York by Mr. R. Sherman Fowler.

He declares that he discovered them in a secret panel of an antique bookcase given to him as an heirloom by his grandfather, who founded the Union League Club.

Fowler adds that the letters were written to his grandfather, who was president of the Central Union Trust Company, and in charge of a "dollar fund," which collected 11,000 dollars for the President's widow.

"Lost Our All."

Dated Boxing Day, 1865, and signed Mary Lincoln, the first letter says:—

"Although my son wrote you a letter on yesterday, I have concluded to write and thank you, most gratefully, for your kind interest in our deeply afflicted family.

"We have indeed lost our all: the idolized husband and father is no more with us, and, if possible, our adverse fate and the great injustice of a people who owed so much to my beloved husband does not contribute toward lessening our heavy trials.

His Friends.

"Sir Morton Pelo gave a farewell dinner to his friends in New York in return for their polite attentions to him.

"We are homeless, and in return for the sacrifices my great and noble husband made, both in his life and in his death, the paltry first year's salary is offered to us, under the circumstances.

"Such injustice has been done us as calls the blush to any true, loyal heart.

"I am Humiliated."

"The sum is in reality only 20,000 dollars, as the first month's salary was paid my husband, and I presume the tax on it will be deducted from it. The interest on it will be about 1,500 dollars. I am humiliated when I think that we are destined to be forever homeless. I can write no more."

AXE WANTED.

COST OF THE AUDIT DEPARTMENT.

To the EDITOR of the PALL MALL GAZETTE.

SIR,—Your correspondent "G.O.P." directs attention to the cost of the National Insurance Audit Department. He does not, however, say that the *work* is not worth the money spent upon it. It is stereotyped and mechanical to a degree; a chartered accountant would only employ his pupils or cheapest clerks upon it.

When the Insurance Act was passed the audit of the simple, regularised accounts should have fallen to the one State Department fitted and equipped to deal with all State expenditure—the Exchequer and Audit Department. To that Department the Insurance audit would have been a mere bagatelle. No new machinery would have been required, and it would simply have involved a comparatively small addition to its existing staff.

Yet the Exchequer and Audit Department, which examines every class and variety of public expenditure (including the Navy, Army, Civil Services, Revenue Departments, etc.) is costing the country only £159,000 in 22-23, while this sectional National Insurance Audit Department requires £183,180! E. R.

MAJORITY OF TWO.

OTTAWA, Monday.

The Federal Parliament has been summoned to meet on January 31.

With the acquisition of the support of a second Agrarian member, Mr. Joseph Binette, who represents Prescott (Ontario), the Government will have a clear majority of two over the Agrarians and the Conservatives.—Reuter.

SOUTH WALES EARTH SHOCKS.

Two terrific shocks resembling an earthquake were experienced at Llanhilleth last evening, telegraphs the Cardiff correspondent of the Central News.

Houses were badly shaken, but no damage was done, other than broken crockery.

Among the sales starting to-day is that of Henry Glave, Ltd., of New Oxford-street. Carriage is paid on all orders of drapery goods over 10s., and those who are unable to pay a personal visit to the shop may safely entrust their post orders to this firm. The famous remnant days are fixed for January 4 and 11, and doors will open at nine o'clock.

THE STRANGER ON THE WALL.

REFLECTIONS ON THE NEW CALENDAR.

"AND CO."

A GOOD MOTTO FOR THE YEAR 1923.

(By JOHN CITIZEN.)

It has been my companion for a twelvemonth; every day well nigh have I lifted my eyes from my desk to study it—to learn whether the first of the month was a Monday or how stood the horizontal parallax of the moon, and the number of days February, most irritating of months, possessed.

All this and much beside has it told me regarding that chain of day and night we call the year of grace 1922.

But now, alas! must that much-beloved calendar pass away into the limbo of useless things, and a stranger reign upon the wall in its stead.

The Worst Feared.

I do not desire to glean my knowledge from a calendar shaped like a black cat with a red ribbon about its neck; neither do I wish to gaze at an eternally amorous Romeo and have a Shakspearian text to digest each day with the date. But I fear the worst. . . .

Calendars, my friends, are strange and dreadful things—more bitter in the way they recall the quick flitting of time and life than even the mummy that was borne in on feasting Pharaoh to remind him of the passing of pomp and vanity, or those watches shaped like skulls our ancestors burdened themselves with.

How carelessly we tear from off those things of ill-omen the leaf that represents a day; we tear it off, and crumple it up, and toss it into the fire, just as carelessly as we, perhaps, have torn that day out of the narrow volume of our lives with scarcely more of a thought for it than for the crumpled screw of paper that in a moment will blaze up on its bed of red coals.

Every slip that we tear from off our calendar tells of a rising and a setting of the sun we shall never see again, and of one fewer in the total of our short space of days.

Wasted Days.

There are no statistics, no index figure, alas! that shall tell me of the days that I have wasted.

It is a pity, for the statistics and index figures that there are of wasted days tell so grim a story that it would be well for England if she would see the full total of her mis-spent time.

When you add to the five or six hundred million days that have been lost through unemployment and the slump, the twenty million days needlessly wasted through trade dispute and argument, and remember that a man's working life is but of some seventeen thousand days at the utmost, you may gauge that there has been an equivalent to many thousand lives poured out uselessly in 1922.

The Motto it Bore.

And so I took my calendar down regretfully to cast it into the waste-paper basket, but before I did so I read the motto that it bore, for the first time, and found it a good motto, and one which holds much that we can well and fittingly ponder on.

It is part of a speech to his men by the great Drake, that master seaman, who sailed in a washtub of a ship from Plymouth one winter's day and came not home before he had cut out great galleons on the main and ploughed a girdle about the globe through fierce, uncharted seas.

Here it is:—

> For the life of God, it doth even take my wits from me to think on it! Here is such controversy between the sailors and gentlemen, and such stomaching between the gentlemen and sailors, that it makes me mad to hear of it.
>
> But my masters! I must have it left, for I must have the gentlemen to haul and draw with the mariner, and the mariner with the gentlemen. What! let us show ourselves to be all of a company, and let us not give the enemy cause to rejoice at our decay and overthrow.

The Deeper Meanings.

"All of a company." There is a fine round phrase for you that shall remind you of the deeper meanings you may read into those words that are at the head of the letter paper of nine-tenths of the concerns from which you and I are obtaining our bread and butter, be it in wage or dividend.

And, do you know, I think that it is because we forget the inner truth of those two short words "And Co.," or because we have no Drake to remind us that all our troubles and waste lie thick about us.

There is such "controversy" and "stomaching" to-day that we lose those millions of priceless days, and all because we forget the companionship of a company, and that shareholders and workers must "haul and draw" together, being companions perforce in adversity and prosperity.

A good motto for the New Year, in sooth, that "Let us show ourselves to be all of a company, and let us not give the enemy a cause to rejoice at our decay and overthrow."

DICKENS COMPETITION RESULT.

FAMOUS AUTHOR'S NOVELS STILL RETAIN THEIR POPULARITY

THE PRIZE-WINNERS.

Dickens' works still retain their hold on the British public, as the result of the census arranged by "The Pall Mall Gazette" indicates. Scores of competitors had read all of Dickens' novels, while hundreds more had read over ten of them.

Competitors gave an overwhelming vote in favour of "David Copperfield" as Charles Dickens' best novel, while "Pickwick Papers" was a bad second. "A Tale of Two Cities" was also a hot favourite.

The total number of competitors was 573, and the total number of people who replied that they had read "Oliver Twist" was 546.

The two prizes offered (a full set of Dickens' works, valued at £5) go to:

Mr. W. H. TOTTIE, Sherlocks, Ascot, whose answer was 552,

and

Mr. RAYMOND H. BELTON, Bethel Lodge, Welwyn, Herts, who forecast 558.

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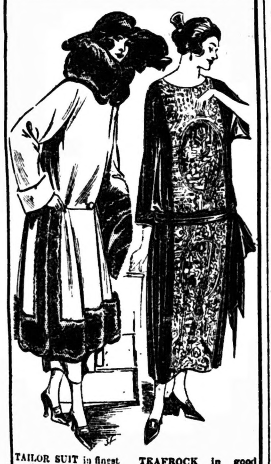
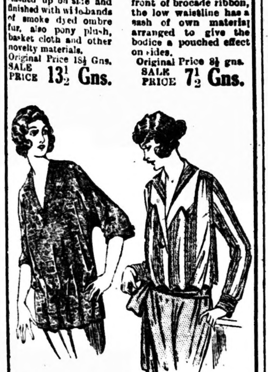
40 doz. only. Good Quality White Wool Mixture Combinations, Scotch make, thoroughly shrunk and most reliable in wear, low necks, with ribbed arms or short sleeves. Also V necks with short sleeves. Original price 18/6, SALE PRICE, per pair **10/9**



TAILOR SUIT in finest quality plain or fancy velour with full flounce slashed up on side and finished with wide bands of smoke dyed ombre fur, also pony plush, basket cloth and other novelty materials. Original Price 18½ Gns. SALE PRICE **13½ Gns.**

TEAFROCK in good quality marocain with a wide panel back and front of brocade ribbon, the low waistline has a sash of own material arranged to give the bodice a pouched effect on sides. Original Price 8½ gns. SALE PRICE **7½ Gns.**



KNITTED ARTIFICIAL SILK JUMPERS (as sketch), made from best quality yarn in a new fancy stitch, exceptionally well fitting shape. A good range of colours. Original price 94/6. SALE PRICE, **29/6**

WELL CUT SHIRT in woven silk stripes, fastening one large pearl button. Perfectly sewn and finished throughout. In all coloured stripes Sizes 13-14½. Original price, 39/6. SALE PRICE, **29/6**

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WOMEN OF TO-DAY

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS BY WELL-KNOWN PEOPLE

Here are some of the resolutions made by well-known people for the year 1923.

The **Marchioness of Townshend,** who has written another play, says:—

I will be grateful for all the blessings of life. Do all I can to help the unfortunate, and remember that this life is only a temporary resting place.

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Lady Lavery, who is very busy at work on some new pictures, says:

My resolution is very Irish, for it is not to make one, because I always break it.

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The **Hon. Lois Sturt,** Lord Alington's sister, who has just made her first appearance on the stage in the West End in "Arlequin" as a professional, sends the following message:

I haven't got a resolution, but I intend to carry on as before.

Mrs. Helena Normanton, who is the first woman barrister to practise at the Bar, writes:

Let us resolve to elevate our vision, clear our minds of prejudice and cant, bringing to the noble duties of life compassionate hearts, instructed minds, generous thoughts and fortitude in adversity.

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Dr. Mary Scharlieb, the famous woman doctor, has made this resolve:

I will say "No" when it is my duty to do so.

And so I will be master of my fate and captain of my soul.

I will not be a slave to any passion.

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Miss May Edginton, who is part author of that very delightful play "Secrets," says:—

I think this year I will resolve not to believe all I hear, and not to say all that I believe; not to judge other people, and not to care tuppence what are their judgments upon me.

Miss Winifred Graham, whose novels are read by hundreds of people, writes:—

I resolve not to run anyone down, not to say anything unkind about anyone, but to remember that "Tout comprendre, c'est tout pardonner."

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Miss Edna Best, this year's "Peter Pan in Sir James Barries immortal play, writes:—

Two years ago I made four good resolutions for the New Year—and one after the other they were all smashed to smithereens within the first three days of the year. Since then I have left well alone and made none!

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Mr. Godfrey Tearle, one of the handsomest men on the stage, and one of the idols of the matinée girl, is evidently having that "after Christmas feeling" very badly. He writes:

I have made a resolution not to overeat myself.

Modes of the Moment

THE LURE OF THE SALES.

January the first! With it comes all the excitements and jollifications with which we welcome in the New Year; the good resolutions which are made and sometimes broken in a few short hours; and last, but not least, the beginning of the big winter sales in most of London's leading shops.

Every woman, either from choice or from necessity, will make one resolution this year, and that is to be as economical as possible in matters of dress. The word "economy," however, need not spell dowdiness, for sales nowadays are filled with bargains of all descriptions, and any woman with a discerning eye and a knowledge of what suits her particular style can acquire the loveliest frocks and hats, dresses, or coats, for the proverbial "mere song."

The sketch which appears on this page to-day shows one of the bargains which may be found in the showrooms at Messrs. Dickins and Jones', of Regent-street.

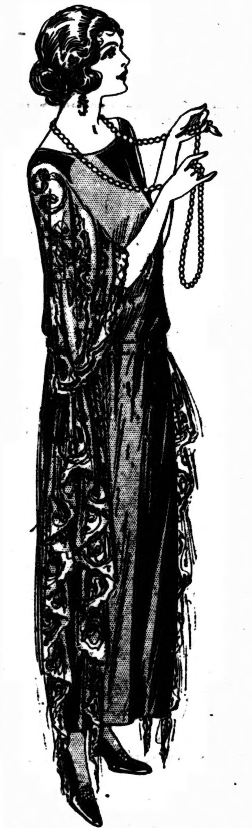
It is made of thick black satin with wide sleeves of black lace in a pretty pattern, and in an excellent quality. Cascades of the lace fall gracefully down on either side, and the waist is girdled by a gleaming band of jet. This gown, which just before Christmas was quite an expensive model, has now been reduced to eight guineas.

Forewarned is forearmed is a somewhat hackneyed phrase. Yet it is none the less true on that account, so the woman who manages to get a coat frock of repp at a bargain price may consider herself lucky, for repp will be the most fashionable fabric for spring coat frocks, as gabardine and serge are to take a back seat in Fashion's temple.

In these same showrooms a coat-frock made on most becoming long lines, with a crêpe-de-chine collar to tone, may be purchased for nine and a half guineas, and it can be obtained in many attractive colours—nigger, fawn, putty, navy, grey, and black.

A walk through the Regent-street store will disclose many a desirable garment at a reasonable price. There are suits from three guineas, and hats as low in price as eighteen shillings, while some of the early spring models will be disposed of at ridiculously low sums.

Blouses range in price from well under half a guinea to thirty shillings; for the latter cost a really heavy crépe-de-chine model made in a very becoming shape in a variety of pretty colours may be found.



Black satin—supple yet thick—and lace make this frock, which is one of Dickins and Jones' sale. bargains.

THE JEWEL CASE.

It is as natural for a woman to love jewels as it is for the sunflower to love the sun. Here are a few facts about the newest notions in gem-studded trinkets which are the best beloved of all presents at the New Year.

"People are buying pearls as much as ever in spite of imitations good and bad and the 'pearl culture scare,'" a "Pall Mall Gazette" representative was told at Carrington's, a firm far-famed for these lovely gems. "A single pearl strung on a platinum chain is sometimes purchased; and, as each gift season comes round, another is added to the string, until a valuable necklace is the result."

Emeralds and Sapphires.

"What are the most popular coloured stones?" was the next question.

"Emeralds and sapphires. Rubies are quite out of fashion," said the jeweller. "And the solitaire stone ring—a flashing diamond, a deep blue sapphire, or a dark-coloured emerald—is still a favourite design. Each gem is, of course, absolutely flawless."

The Fob Watch.

Watches are wonderful. Blue enamel and rose diamonds in a delicate pattern made one little beauty more beautiful. It was flat and thin as a wafer, and could be worn as a pendant, as the delicate rose diamond design appeared on both sides. It was slung on a slender platinum chain connected with sapphires at intervals.

"The fob watch is becoming fashionable again," said the Man from Carrington's. "Here's a charming example." And it was. The tiny oval-shaped timepiece was set in platinum in which rose diamonds gleamed next to the darkness of onyx. It had a carved amethyst back—a figure in flowing robes—and it swivelled round on a couple of amethyst knobs. The black moiré ribbon was relieved by a diamond bar, and a little silken tassel fell from a diamond-studded cup at the base of the watch. A miniature marvel of the jeweller's art!

Diamond arrows centred with onyx, sapphires or other stones are a craze which continues despite rumours to the contrary, and pearl tassels are also much in demand.

NERVOUS HEADACHE.

When the head aches from over-work or worry, apply flannel wrung out of very hot water to the back of the neck and bathe the face and temples with warm water, and then lie down for a short time if possible.

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EXCEPTIONAL REDUCTIONS

SOFTENING HARD SPONGES

To soften a hard sponge cover with cold water, add a tablespoonful of borax, and bring slowly to the boil in a clean saucepan. Then remove the sponge, rub some dry borax into it, and rinse under the cold tap, allowing the water to run over it for several minutes.

TEA-LEAVES AND VARNISHED PAINT.

Tea-leaves are invaluable as a means of cleaning varnished paint. When sufficient have been laid aside, they should be placed in a tin basin full of water, and soaked for half an hour. The tea, when strained, should be used instead of soap and water to clean the varnished surfaces.

A REMEDY FOR IMSOMNIA

Sufferers from insomnia should try cayenne pepper sandwiches. Cut a slice of thin bread, butter it generously, and add a liberal sprinkling of cayenne pepper. The sandwich should be eaten just before retiring, and soon after the sufferer will be asleep.

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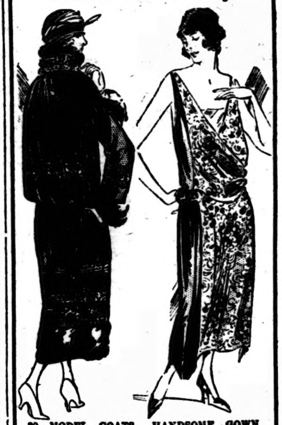

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85 dozen Real Gazelle leather Gloves, Mocha finish, lined wool, in Tan and Slate, sac shape, strap at wrist.
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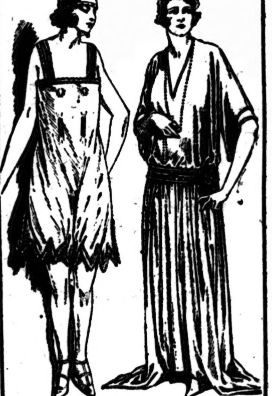

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TO - MORROW'S PROGRAMMES

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FINAL DAY AT MANCHESTER.

(From Our Travelling Correspondent.)

The Manchester meeting concludes to-morrow, when the chief item of interest is the Victory Hurdle, for which a fine field is expected to go to the post.

Hymir put up an excellent performance when winning at Lingfield, but one who should beat him again is Charles Lever, who scored at Birmingham, with Hymir well in the rear.

Double Up, Glass Idol, and Waterbottle have claims for support, but one I prefer to stand is Benediction, who, after a victory, ran second to Duncan over this course. Selections:

MANCHESTER.

Broughton Hurdle: **JOHN PEEL.**
Peel Park Hurdle: **DAMAR.**
Manchester 'Chase: **BODYGUARD.**
Victory Hurdle: **BENEDICTION.**
Stand Hurdle: **LOVELETTER.**
Canal 'Chase: **JUST FOR LUCK.**

MANCHESTER PROGRAMME.

1.0.—BROUGHTON HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs; second receives 20 sovs, and third 10 sovs. Two miles.

201 Joseph the First (Lady Webb) D Harrison 6 12 0
Little Boy (Mr W Balmforth) Skelton 6 11 7
Belle Fille (Mr E Clark) ...J Burns 6 11 7
00 Tetricus (Mr H Dove) ....Spittle 6 11 7
0 Quilp (Mr J Harvie) ...R J Colling 6 11 7
0 Down South (Mr C Kenyon) C Davis 6 11 7
003 Anarchist (Mr C Kenyon) ...Dodd 6 11 7
030 Aris (Mr E O'Sullivan) O'Sullivan a 11 7
030 Rosherville (Mr F Rhodes) O'Sullivan a 11 7
332 John Peel (Sir F Price) ...Gilbert 6 11 7
Shaw's Bridge (Mr D Barnett) Coulthwaite 5 11 3
003 Prince Regent (Mr M Davis) Smyth 5 11 3
2 Bucket (Mr W Griggs) ......Griggs 5 11 3
012 Firedrake (Ld H de Walden) T Leader 4 11 3
020 Wise Prince (Mr C Kenyon) Dodd 5 11 3
Sangot (Ld Lascelles) ....Gore 5 11 3
0 Symons (Mr H Lines) ....Lines 5 11 3
First House (Mr W Parrish) D Rogers 5 11 3
Agricola (Mr R Walker) Coulthwaite 5 11 3
Ulysses (Mr A Walker) F Hartigan 5 11 3
00 Eagle's Tail (Mr J Hartley) O'Sullivan 4 10 7
000 Silvanus (Lt-Col Parkinson) Reardon 4 10 7
Bally Miss (Mrs A Scott) ...Larkin 4 10 7
0 Rung Ho (Ld Wavertree) Fergusson 4 10 7

1.30. — PEEL PARK (S) HURDLE RACE of 110 sovs. Two miles.

230 Life Buoy (Mr E Arnold) J T Dodd a 11 9
001 Prolific (Mrs A Blain) ...Spittle a 11 9
00 King Raeburn (Mr E Davis) Roberts 6 11 9
100 Stainton (Mr E Davis) Roberts a 11 9
00 Tetricus (Mr H Dove) .....Spittle 6 11 9
0 Clarina (Mr C Kenyon) C Davis a 11 9
030 Gardree (Mrs Moore) ......Moore a 11 9
030 Golden Age (Mr W Shedden) Shedden 6 11 9
0 Empire Maker (Mr W Wallis) Barthropp a 11 9
000 Reading (Mr M Cummins) Woolman 5 11 5
030 Pennant (Mr J Aitken) ...Aitken a 11 2
000 Trout Call (Mr J Aitken) Aitken a 11 2
210 Damar (Mr A Alexander) O'Sullivan 6 11 2
000 The Settler (Mrs J Ayers) Hehir a 11 2
030 Ballyhaudy (Mr J Baylis) T Leader a 11 2
000 King George (Mrs G Bennett) Bennett 6 11 2
Ash (Mr A Chamberlain) Chamberlain a 11 2
Mr T Coulthwaite) Coulthwaite 6 11 2
(Mr W Edwards) Rimington 6 11 2
aat (Lord Glanely) E Piggott 6 11 2
ood Royal (Mr J Hamer) Coulthwaite a 11 2
03 Clarion (Mr J Hare) ....Hare a 11 2
020 Fool Proof (Mr C Kenyon) C Davis 6 11 2
000 Lady Flare (Mrs E Leek) Saxby 6 11 2
100 Keyham (Mr J Moseby) Shedden a 11 2
030 Aris (Mr E O'Sullivan) O'Sullivan a 11 2
Rateau (Mr H Rooke) ...Private a 11 2
030 Huonora (Mr P Shaw) G Bennett a 11 2
10 Konky (Mr W Whiteman) J Burns 6 11 2
130 Sunnycroft (Major J Wilson) Wilson a 11 2
230 Linggi's Boy (Major J Wilson) Wilson a 11 2
0 Red Cent (Mr R Woods) Private a 11 2
0 Fine Gold (Mr D Barnett) Coulthwaite 5 10 12
232 Clarkia (Mr H Cope) ......Bullock 5 10 12
00 Manister Belle (Mr J Hogan) Hogan 5 10 12
000 Plum (Mr I Isaacs) ....Hyams 5 10 12
020 Venizelos (Mr A Knowles) Fergusson 5 10 12
0 Hasty Moments (Mr C Nevile) J Lyall 5 10 12
022 Petty Cury (Mr T Hartigan) Kemp 5 10 11
Cayenne (Mr A Chamberlain) Chamberlain 4 10 2
0 Alector (Mr G Clancy) ...Clancy 4 10 2
001 Tommy Long (Mr T Greenwood) Moss 4 10 2
0 Perfect Sailor (Mr J Hassan) H Leader 4 10 2
210 Pickwell (Mr H Mollekin) Vasey 4 10 2
Lomond Boy (Mr A Newman) Moore 4 10 2
0 Golden Gorse (Mr W Parrish) D Rogers 4 10 2
002 Prime Move (Mr W Parrish) D Rogers 4 10 2
00 Dial (Capt D Rogers) D Rogers 4 10 2
Cherry Bay (Mr W Sanderson) W Sanderson 4 10 2

2.0.—MANCHESTER HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 112 sovs; second receives 10 sovs. Three miles.

011 Vaulx (7lb ex) (Mr C Piggott) C Piggott a 12 10
120 Jimmu (Mr G Sanday) ......Sanday a 12 4
300 Trentino (Mr F Lloyd) ...G Poole a 12 3
013 Pay Only (Mr W Sankey) H A Brown a 11 12
101 Bodyguard (Mr C S Clarke) Hastings a 11 11
000 Noble Guard (Mr W Shaw) Barthropp a 11 9
020 Woolcraft (Mr J Settle) H Harrison a 11 9
320 Toyboat (Maj R Palmer) Palmer a 11 6
000 Dunadry (Mrs A Blain) ...Spittle a 11 5
012 Winter Voyage (Mr T Oakshott) H Harrison 6 11 4
000 Drifter (Mr J Widger) Coulthwaite a 11 4
3 Lydie White (Mrs N Brownlee) Butchers a 11 4
032 Silent Sands (Mr G Sanday) Sanday a 11
300 Templescoby (Maj H Robinson) Private a 10 13
130 Dun Scotus (Mr J Burnett) Threlfell a 10 12
000 Udan (Mr C Kenyon) ....Dodd a 10 10
200 Lord Ballivor (Maj J Wilson) J Wilson a 10 8
030 Upton Lad (Mr J Paterson) Cowap a 10 0
010 Bohernore (Mr A Willis) Barthropp a 10 6
020 Irish Dragoon (Mr S Oram) Bickley a 10 6
010 Pastures New (Mr R Thelwall) Private a 10 4
313 Sinbad III. (Lt-Col Little) Bazley a 10 2
003 Uncle James (Mr J Ramsden) Gore a 10 2
020 Progress (Mr W Duckworth) Sanday 5 10 0

2.30.—VICTORY HURDLE RACE (handicap) of 500 sovs. Two miles.

033 Double Up (Mr A Barclay Walker) F Hartigan 6 12 7
0 Glass Idol (Mrs Heybourn) J Bell 5 11 12
301 Hymir (7lb ex) (Capt J Delmege) Hogan 6 11 9
031 Charles Lever (Mr J Settle) H Harrison 6 11 5
200 Dorado (Mr J Hutton) ......Poole a 11 3
Jackdale (Mr W Black) Casebourne a 11 3
310 Teltown (Mr R Horsfall) Hogan 5 11 1
032 Waterbottle (Mr A Scott) Scott a 11 0
00 Daylight Saver (Mrs J McLaughlin) Burns a 10 13
110 Vale of Realm (Mr H Copeland) Copeland a 10 9
012 Benediction (Mr D Dickson) Coulthwaite 6 10 8
10 Devil's Own (Sir H Webb) D Harrison a 10 8
302 Wise Folly (Mrs A Blain) Spittle 5 10 7
010 Warrington (Mr J W Harvie) Whitaker 5 10 3
200 Marsin (Mr W Brown) O Casebourne 5 10 3
100 Baalbek (Mr C Vinegrad) Vasey 5 10 2
100 Atlantic Flight (Mr J Bulteel) H Leader 5 10 0
300 Woden (Mr Kenyon) ....Bazley a 10 0

3.0.—STAND HURDLE HANDICAP of 110 sovs. Two miles.

020 Lukeston (Mr E Tattersall) H Harrison a 12 11
Agricola (Mr R Walker) Coulthwaite 5 12 4
110 Beyrob (Mrs A Blain) ......Spittle a 12 3
0 Louvima (Mr W Wallis) Barthropp a 12 3
110 Laird's Birthday (Lt-Col McKie) Bazley a 12 3
110 Perry Hill (Mr L Phillips) T Leader a 12 3
001 Manister Bridge (9lb ex) (Mr J Hogan) ....Hogan a 11 12
032 Waterbottle (Mr A Scott) A Scott a 11 11
310 Bilsthorpe (Mrs A Bickley) Bickley 6 11 9
120 Ulster Division (Mr D Barnett) Coulthwaite 6 11 8
210 Damar (Mr A Alexander) O'Sullivan 6 11 8
123 Victor Noir (Mrs G Morris) Smyth 6 11 8
02 Highcliffe (Mr H Smith) ...Flynn 4 11 7
101 Mr Porta (Mr T Dickson) Coulthwaite 5 11 6
022 Waterford Glass II (Mr H Cope) Bullock a 11 5
130 Grecian Waters (Miss A Wright) Bunn 6 11 5
10 Konky (Mr W Whiteman) Burns 6 11 4
301 Earl Marshall (Mrs A Blain) Spittle a 11 4
012 Benediction (Mr D Dickson) Coulthwaite 6 11 3
203 Love Letter (Mr A Bricker) R Payne 5 11 3
011 Briaubrook (Mr R Horsfall) C Davis 5 11 2
200 Catskin (Mr A Flint) ......Fitton 6 11 0
00 Martinique (Mr F Hartigan) F Hartigan 6 10 12
210 Pickwell (Mr H Mollekin) Vasey 4 10 12
Lady Hectorine (Mr C Darrell) Bailey 4 10 12
033 Wild Pam (Mr G Brown) Coulthwaite a 10 11
333 Derryboy II. (Mr J Morrison) Coulthwaite a 10 10
301 Blastino (Mr W Pearson) ......Ellis 5 10 9
00 Ramda (Mr W Brown) Casebourne a 10 9
001 Pavot (9lb ex) (Capt D Rogers) D Rogers 5 10 9
020 Wise Prince (Mr C Kenyon) Dodd 5 10 8
000 Lord Ednam (Mr J Baylis) T Leader a 10 8
0 Empire Maker (Mr W Wallis) Barthropp a 10 8
000 Golden Daisy (Mr W Bellerby) Gunter a 10 8
0 Bright Spot (Mr R I Tonge) W Hill 6 10 6
100 Bao More (Lord Cholmondeley) Fergusson 5 10 7
000 Frills (Mr T A Edge) ....Poole 6 10 7
000 Stormfruit (Mr C F Kenyon) Dodd 5 10 5
000 Tom Fool (Mr J Johnson) Bazley a 10 4
130 Mus (Mr R Parker) ....Bullock 5 10 4
000 Early Bun (Mrs A Foden) Bickley a 10 3
300 Woden (Mr C Kenyon) ....Dodd a 10 0
000 The Corsican (Mr J Giannelli) Willmott 5 10 0
203 Hoo (Mr H Smith) ....Flynn 5 10 0

3.30.—CANAL STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs; second receives 20 sovs. and third 10 sovs. Two miles.

101 Drumree (Mr G Sanday) ...Sanday a 12 7
100 Swimmer (Mr A McAlpine) H Harrison 6 12 7
312 Regent's Park (Mr H Hirst) Tabor 5 12 3
333 Lukewarm (Capt B Bibby) Withington a 12 0
0 Dunstansteads (Mr J Burnett) Threlfell a 12 0
000 Kenney Leg (Lt-Col Collis) Collis a 12 0
Fly Mask (Mr J Daly) Coulthwaite a 12 0
133 Just for Luck (Mr D Dickson) Coulthwaite a 12 0
00 Obelisk (Mr A Edwards) Edwards a 12 0
00 Toytown (Sir E Hanmer) C Davis 6 12 0
00 Mem Sahib (Mr C Kenyon) C Davis a 12 0
Mooi Masie (Mrs G Livesey) Private a 12 0
201 Cosaque (Mr F Lloyd) M Jackson a 12 0
021 Southport (Mr W Pearson) Ellis a 12 0
300 Davonport (Mr A Pole) F Hartigan a 12 0
003 Uncle James (Mr J Ramsden) Gore a 12 0
000 Manrico (Mr J Ramsden) ...Gore a 12 0
300 Brutus III. (Mr G Sanday) Sanday a 12 0
000 Old Mick (Mr W Shaw) Barthropp a 12 0
003 Ballylundan (Mr M Shields) Moore a 12 0
000 Roughwater (Mr S McMorran) McMorran a 12 0
Hot Cross (Mr W Midwood) Fergusson a 12 0
000 By Proxy (Col W Anthony) Hastings 5 11 7
002 Snapper (Mr B Bletsoe) ...Bletsoe 5 11 7
000 Presumptuous (Mr G Clancy) Clancy 5 11 7
330 Henri Martin (Maj R F Palmer) F Palmer 5 11 7
000 Lambswool (Mr J Hoyle) ...Reader 5 11 7
030 Blue Anchor (Mr P Hyde) ...Hyde 5 11 7
211 Harmonius (Sir R Jardine) Coulthwaite 5 11 7
00 Simon's Mount (Mr J Jarvis) T Leader 6 11 7
310 Dutch Doll (Mr T Merriott) Edwards 5 11 7
003 Arun Bridge (Mr J Paterson) Cowap 5 11 7
003 Leighlin Bridge (Mr J Rogers) D Rogers 5 11 7
000 Beckers (Mr W Wilson) ......Vasey 5 11 7
00 Phantom Charley (Sir R Liddell) Peacock 4 10 7
00 The Sheik (Capt H Rich) ...Sanday 4 10 7
0 Sunshine XIV (Mrs Whitehead) Moore 4 10 7

The annual Inter-Polytechnic seven miles cross-country run between Woolwich and Regent-street, will take place at Eltham on Saturday, January 13.

The West Norwood Club have made arrangements with London Welsh R.F.C. to play some of their home Isthmian League matches on the Herne Hill track in the New Year.

HOW NILLES BEAT MORAN.

EVASION OF "MARY ANN" AND BETTER STAMINA.

TO-NIGHT'S FIGHT.

Frank Moran failed in his attempt to "come back" when he faced the tall young French heavyweight, Marcel Nillés, last Saturday night at the Velodrom d'Hiver, Paris.

The bout ran the full course of 15 rounds, at the end of which Nilles was given the verdict.

Nilles played a careful game, for he had been strongly warned of the danger that lay in his seemingly lazy opponent's strong right arm, of how it might suddenly whizz over at a totally unexpected moment to bring about a swift termination of the contest.

Moran fought with all his noted courage and toughness, and used all the guile for which he is famous to bring his opponent into position to receive his "Mary Ann," but Nilles was cautious throughout, and it seemed that Moran was more stiff in his movements than usual, wilder in his deliveries. On the few occasions on which he landed his right arm swing, it seemed to lack much of its old-time force.

Moran's Lost Position.

It is always sad to see an interesting ring figure such as Moran go sliding down the slope of disrepute, but it is certain that he will never again attain the position that he once held in the boxing world.

He was never a boxer in the true sense, but he was a superman in courage and power, and he seemed to be almost impervious to punishment.

It must not be thought, however, that his only asset was the tremendous power of his right arm swing.

With such a quality alone he would never have forced his way into the circle of the world's foremost heavyweights

No Boxing Science.

He was a fighter of great intelligence and personality, and he was an adept at lulling an opponent into a state of optimism preparatory to the launching of his devastating "Mary Ann" punch.

His stamina and power have now begun to fail him, and, with little academic boxing skill at his command, his day is over.

His "blarneying" quality kept Nilles in doubt throughout the meeting. He smiled and fooled about in the earlier rounds as he did against Tom Cowler, although the boot was then on the other foot, and it was only in the last three rounds that, realising he had a large arrear of points to wipe off, he fought with something of his old-time vigour, as if determined to bring off a summary termination to the combat.

Nilles's Next Fight.

The contest was a strenuous one, although neither man could be complimented for his skill. In itself, it was of little importance, but it has an interesting bearing on the European heavy-weight situation.

Nilles will now probably meet the winner of the Beckett-Smith clash, and in all probability Georges Carpentier will then come once again into the picture for the European title.

There are several boxing features of interest in this week's programme, the principal items being the complimentary benefit to Johnny Summers to-morrow night at the National Sporting Club, the contest between Johnny Bee and Albert Rogers, and the championship match between Seaman Hall and Johnny Brown.

Bee and Rogers will meet at the Ring to-night at the middle-weight limit in a twenty-rounds contest. Bee is a tough young fellow who has beaten Roland Todd, and who fought so gamely against "Kid" Lewis for four rounds.

Rogers to Win To-night?

Rogers has been developing swiftly of late, and he recently beat the Australian champion, Frankie Burns, and Shoeing-smith Fred Davies, and I believe that he will win again to-night, although only after a hard tussle.

The clash between Hall and Brown will be held at Edinburgh to-morrow night. Hall recently beat Ernie Rice on points for the British and European light-weight titles, and on Tuesday night these two titles will be at stake, in addition to the Lightweight Championship of Scotland.

This contest should prove a brilliant and stubbornly contested fight, and it is difficult to predict the outcome with any degree of assurance. Hall, although tough and clever, is not a boxer of great punching power. When he met Harry Mason, who was conceding weight, the result was a draw. Mason beat Fred Archer much more effectively than did Johnny Brown. But this sort of boxing form is frequently misleading.

However, my impression is that Hall's vigour and worrying tactics, coupled with his splendid staying power, will compensate for his lack of punch, and that the bout will conclude without the titles changing hands.

A SPORTSMAN'S DIARY.

FAMOUS HALF-BACK LINES—CHELSEA'S REVIVAL —FAMOUS BOXER'S BENEFIT.

Within the memory of most followers of football, some remarkably successful and reliable half-back lines of League clubs have flourished and decayed, those most easily recalled being the Burnley trio, Halley, Boyle, and Watson; Ducat, Barson, and Moss, of Aston Villa; and Richardson, Bowser, and M'Neal, of West Bromwich Albion, who were all practically contemporaneous.

These reflections are aroused by the prevalent discussion as to the most successful intermediate line now playing. The general opinion appears to be that the Huddersfield halves, Steele, Wilson, and Brough, are the best, collectively, in the country, but that they are closely followed by Smith, Walters, and Grimsdell, of the 'Spurs.

Another half-back line who have many supporters are the Liverpool trio, McNab, Wadsworth, and Bromilow.

The New Chelsea.

The League champions may make as much as they like of the excuse that the ground was slippery and the ball greasy; the fact remains that for two-thirds of the game with Chelsea they were outplayed.

During this period only a combination of ill-luck and a desperate défence, in which Elisha Scott, the finest goalkeeper in Great Britain, proved himself a veritable marvel, kept Chelsea from scoring.

The Pensioners played brilliantly in every department, and Scott was kept very busy. Once he tipped a magnificent long shot by Smith over the bar. A drive across the goalmouth he saved by throwing himself full length on the ground, with two or three Chelsea players falling on top of him. A third save he effected by rushing out of the goal and punching away, toppling McKinlay over in doing so.

Meantime Hampton had an easy time of it, although at other stages of the game he twice cleared in grand style.

Surprising Pace.

The form displayed by the Pensioners was a revelation. The whole team worked with the precision of well-oiled machinery, but what beat Liverpool was the astonishing swiftness of all Chelsea's movements, whether in attack or defence.

Liverpool, after the first five or ten minutes, were never given time to develop their game, and the same tremendous speed shown by the halves and forwards in attack bewildered even such experienced defenders as McKinlay, Longworth, Bromilow, Wadsworth, and Bamber

Linfoot and McNeil were in great form on opposite wings, and Cameron was also prominent in a picture which was without a serious fault.

Arsenal's Advance.

An impartial visitor to Highbury on Saturday would understand readily enough why Stoke are at the bottom of the League table, but would be puzzled to understand how it is that the Arsenal are really no better placed than the Potters (four points more in hand but two more matches played). The Reds won handsomely and deservedly because they showed enterprise and resource, whereas their opponents, after the opening movements, failed utterly to play the only game possible on a ground which, for the most part, resembled a swamp.

A Matter of Discretion.

There were parts of the field—in the corners—where the going was moderately good, and the Arsenal forwards made for these on every possible occasion with satisfactory results. Stoke, on the contrary, floundered about in the sea of mud in the centre and tried short passing, did not do it very well, and suffered. It should, however, be said that their outside men were not nearly so fast and clever as Baker and Paterson, and sharpshooter James Broad was not to be compared with Turnbull for dash and thrustfulness.

Arsenal have got together a hard-working, enthusiastic side, which should lift the nightmare of relegation from the shoulders of the club. It contains some stars and no shirkers.

Prince George and Boxing.

Prince George has of recent months shown a keen interest in boxing, and it is likely that the near future will see him as the most prominent Royal patron of that sport. When he was in Scotland recently, he attended several tournaments, and Service competitions are always sure to find him among the spectators.

His Royal Highness is not a bad hand with the gloves himself, although he is not as good as his elder brother, the Duke of York.

The naval physical training is completed by boxing instruction, so that anybody with a natural bent for it is soon discovered by the Service coaches.

Bad Modern Car Roads.

The present method of road-making is no doubt wonderful when the roads are dry—this from the point of view of the motorists; when they are wet they are extremely dangerous.

It has been admitted that modern roads are not made, and indeed are entirely unsuitable, for any forms of horse traffic. Modern roads are apparently made for motor traffic, and with the expected increase of motor traffic the roads, unless dry, are going to be equally unsuited to that traffic also.

Can nothing be done, asks a correspondent in the "Autocar," to stop this endangering of other people's lives?

The number of lives lost and of other injuries, more or less serious, would seem to depend on how soon this matter is taken in hand.

Johnny Summers' Benefit.

The programme arranged for the tournament which is being staged at the N.S.C. to-morrow for the benefit of Johnny Summers comprises the following ten-rounds contests:—

Harry Reeve v. Jack Stanley, Phil Bond v. Wal Jordan, Johnny Chislett v. Charlie Rogers, Len Harvey v. Young Johnny Brown. Two six-rounders and a number of exhibition bouts go to make a very attractive bill.

Summers is but three weeks short of forty, and he is therefore too old to engage in further contests. But, although it would appear that with his eighteen years of fighting he has had a good "innings," it must be mentioned that Summers never had the opportunity of earning more than enough to keep him going.

There were no big purses in Summers' days, and, unluckily for him, he just finished his career at the commencement of the big purse era.

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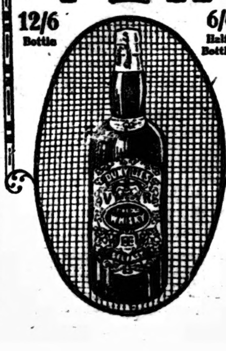

CITY NEWS AND NOTES.

THE PAST YEAR ON STOCK EXCHANGE.

From the Stock Exchange standpoint the year 1922 was by no means uneventful. Its main characteristics were the great recovery in gilt-edged values concomitant with the lowering of the scale of credit, and the extraordinary rise in Home Railway stocks. The year's features were not, however, confined to these departments. Foreign rails generally made for considerably higher levels, while a solid recovery took place in the shares of staple industries such as the engineering and textile trades.

On the other hand, the course of prices did not run at all smoothly among the more speculative markets. In the Mining sections they jolted, similar erratic movements occurring in the Oil market. Rubber shares, at one time acutely depressed, finished the year well above lowest quotations.

Taking the compilation of the "Bankers' Magazine," which deals with 387 representative securities having a par value of £6,500,000,000, there is a net improvement on the year of £712,000,000 in these particular stocks and shares.

As highest levels reached were not maintained through the year, comparison of prices at the close of 1922 with those at the end of 1921 do not reveal the full extent of the capital appreciation that has taken place. Indeed, British Government stocks are now well below the highest quotations recorded during 1922.

Of that appreciation £395,000,000 applies to fixed interest stocks and £317,000,000 to variable dividend securities, although the former shows a percentage rise of only 11, in contrast with 17½ on the latter.

It should be borne in mind that these figures relate to only 387 securities, which, however, are representative and active stocks; but as there are probably 7,000 different securities dealt in upon the Stock Exchange, the actual appreciation may be nearer £1,000 millions.

BIG RISES IN RAILWAY STOCKS.

Many Home railway stocks during the year appreciated by over 100 per cent.; a few by nearly 200 per cent. The abolition of State control of the railways, the payment of Government compensation; the restoration of the interim dividends to previous levels, and the grouping arrangements all played their part in bringing Home railway stocks into public favour again.

Prices of a year ago, with the highest attained during the year, are shown in the following table:—

	End 1921		Top 1922.
Brighton "A"	38¼	...	66¾
Great Eastern	27	...	43¾
Great Northern Def.	24	...	47¼
Midland Def.	44	...	72¼
North-Western	71	...	109¼
South-Western Def.	18¾	...	35¼
Chatham	5¾	...	11¼
Great Central Prefd.	8¾	...	25¾
Caledonian Def.	6½	...	16 5-16
Metropolitan	27	...	61¾
Met. District	22	...	46¾

Thanks to the improvement in traffic revenues during the latter half of the year, due in many cases to increased tariffs tardily sanctioned, considerable capital appreciation took place in many foreign railway stocks. The comparisons are thus:—

	End 1921		Top 1922.
Antofagasta	42¼	...	75½
B.A. Pacific	36¾	...	85
B.A. Great Southern	57¾	...	86¼
B.A. Western	55⅝	...	84¼
Central Argentine	53	...	77½
Leopoldina	25	...	41¼
United Havana	44	...	72

IMPROVING INDUSTRIALS.

The trade slump of 1921 depressed industrial shares severely, but the past year witnessed substantial recovery in prices, which further improved on hopes perhaps rather than indications of a trade revival. Although no great change came over the engineering, iron, and steel industry during the year, recent contracts placed and new orders coming forward inspire hopes of better things this year. At any rate, the appreciation in iron and steel shares, as well as in textiles, indicates that the turning in the long lane of depression has been reached.

Among representative industrial shares the aggregate market premium at the end of 1922 increased to 61 per cent.—that is, the excess of the market price over the par value.

At the beginning of 1922 this premium was only 20½ per cent. These figures relate to the Ordinary shares of home industrial companies as quoted in the commercial division of the "Official List," the market value of which, according to the compilation of the Commercial Corporation of London, was:—

£388,286,961 at December, 1922.
£278,423,377 at December, 1921.

There has thus been further very substantial appreciation in industrial values, the extent of which is evidenced by the above premiums.

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ALBERT BURTON NYE, Secretary.
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THE MONEY MARKET.

EASY ON TO-DAY'S DISBURSEMENTS.

With the turn of the year the repayment of large loans borrowed last week from the Bank of England commenced to-day, when the market paid off a considerable amount. There was a very heavy turnover of cash, dividend and other disbursements approximating 30 millions, while a good deal of the money withdrawn on Saturday by the banks was let out again for borrowers.

Easy conditions accordingly prevailed, and the bulk of day-to-day money was lent at 1½ down to 1 per cent. Weekly loans, on the other hand, in view of the repayments still to be made to the Bank, were in demand and were quoted 2¼ per cent.

Discount business as regards commercial bills was practically neglected, but a fair business passed in Treasury bills, the banks buying January and early February maturities at 2 1-16 per cent.

March and April bills were 2¼ per cent. and 2 5-16 per cent. respectively. Commercial paper was easier in tendency, two and three months' being 2 7-16 per cent., "fours" 2 9-16 per cent., and "sixes" 2 9-16—2⅝ per cent.

Silver was a quiet market. Cash eased 1-16d. to 31½d, but forward remained 30⅝d. Gold was nominally 88s. 11d. per ounce.

	Previous day's	To-day.
Paris	63.40—63.50	63.00—63.10
Amsterdam	11.71—11.72	11.70½—11.71
Rome	91⅜—91⅝	91⅜—91⅝
Madrid	29.53—29.55	29.49—29.51
Switzerland	24.57—24.62	24.42—24.45
Brussels	69.13—69.[illegible]	68.40—68.50
Berlin	3[illegible]000—34000	32000—32500
Vienna	315000—330000	315000—330000
Bukarest	790—810	780—810
Warsaw	80000—85000	80000—85000
Prague	149—151	148—150
Finland	185—187	185—188
Christiania	24.57—24.62	24.58—24.62
Copenhagen	22.52—22.55	22.45—22.50
Stockholm	17.11—17.15	17.14—17.18
Greece	395—405	380—390
Lisbon	2[illegible]—2[illegible]	2[illegible]—2[illegible]
Rio de Janeiro	6⅛d.	6⅛
Mexico	25—23	25—23
Valparaiso	35.20	35.70
B. Ayres tel. trans.	44¼—44½	44¼—44½
New York (cable)	4.63¼—4.63½	4.63½—4.63¾
Montreal	4.69—4.70	4.68¾—4.69¼
Bombay tel. trans.	1/4 3/16d.	1/4 3/16d.
Calcutta tel. trans.	1/4⅛d.	1/4⅛d.
Hongkong tel. trans.	2/2¾d.	2/2¾d.
Shanghai	3/01.	3/01.
Yokohama	2/1⅛d.	2/1⅛d.
Singapore	2/4⅛d.	2/4⅛d.
Montevideo	44⅛—44½	44—44½

STOCK EXCHANGE CLOSED.

In accordance with past custom to-day is observed as a holiday on the Stock Exchange.

PREFERENCE DIVIDENDS PASSED

Odham's Press (Ltd.).
Nestlé's and Anglo-Swiss Milk Company.
Probst Hanbury and Company.
Pink and Plaistowe Proprietary.
Dumont Coffee Company.

POLITENESS IN THE DOCK.

"I deeply regret having violated the law, but, having had some whisky, I became 'non compos mentis,'" said a man who was fined at Lambeth police-court for drunkenness.

MORE GERMAN SUGAR.

BERLIN, Monday.

Germany's sugar production in the business year 1921-22 was 1,296,920 metric tons. The estimated production in 1922-23 is 1,482,970 tons.

The area under sugar beet is 364,714 hectares, against 338,239 hectares in 1921-22.—Exchange.

CHEAPER ASYLUMS.

The L.C.C. have intimated to the Metropolitan Boards of Guardians that the weekly sum to be paid from to-day for the maintenance of each lunatic in their mental hospitals will be 25s. 8d., a reduction of 2s. 11d. a week on the previous charge.

FRENCH CHAMBER RISES AT 3 a.m.

PARIS, Monday.

The Chamber and Senate held a night Session which ended at three o'clock this morning. They passed two Supplementary Credits among other Bills.

M. Poincaré read the decree closing the Session.—Central News.

DEATH AT 112.

Margaret Devine, of Owenmeer, Westport, who was the oldest inhabitant of Co. Mayo, and probably the oldest Irish woman living, has died in her 112th year. Up to a month ago she was a regular visitor to the cottages of neighbours.

The Canadian Pacific liners Empress of France and Empress of Scotland leave Southampton on January 6 and January 20 for New York viâ Cherbourg. From New York the Empress of France will leave later in the month on a cruise around the world, whilst the Empress of Scotland leaves New York early in February for a cruise in the Mediterranean.

In the Essex v. Kent match at Millwall on Wednesday, January 10, the following will represent Essex: T A Mason (Clapton); F J C Blake (Ilford) (capt.), F Ferrari (Barking Town); J S Kemp (Barking Town), S H Church (Gray's Athletic), F Duffin (Ilford); A N Ryley (Clapton), T H Lewis (Ilford), S G J Earle (Clapton), W V T Gibbins (Clapton), E F Ford (Ilford).

"TOO LAZY TO FABRICATE."

—Magistrate.

CANDIDATE'S CHEQUES CASE INCIDENT.

WITNESS REBUKED.

"UNWILLINGNESS TO HELP COURT."

There was an unusual incident at the resumed hearing by Mr. Symmons at Marylebone to-day of the cheque charges preferred against George Augustine Jennings, the unsuccessful Independent Liberal candidate for North Paddington at the General Election.

James R. Wilcox, manager of the Prince of Wales public-house, Harrow-road, recalled for cross-examination by Castell, had been unable to attend the court for some days owing to ill-health, and appeared to have some difficulty in answering questions.

The magistrate sternly rebuked the witness, saying: "You won't help us a bit. You are trying not to assist in the administration of justice. You won't give one definite answer at all. There is something else behind this besides the illness."

Later the magistrate remarked: "You won't get any jury in the world to believe that Mr. Wilcox could fabricate anything. He is too lazy. He would fall asleep before he could decide to invent anything."

Election Agent in Box.

Sixteen charges have been preferred against Jennings, including one of forging and uttering a cheque for £1,500 on Lloyds Bank.

Austin Dockney and Frank James Castell, both described as advertising agents, are charged with Jennings with conspiring to cheat tradesmen.

George Haines, leather worker, who at the last hearing said Jennings appointed him election agent, but he afterwards resigned the position, continued his evidence.

He stated that three cheques which he issued for the election accounts were dishonoured.

Witness had paid £28 10s. by way of loans to liquidate claims in respect of wages and rents of election committee rooms.

The magistrate said that while not wishing to embarrass Jennings' defence, he would not object in any way or think it improper in any way if he (Jennings) met that particular obligation for £28 10s.

Jennings: Quite. I see.

"Incalculable Harm."

Cross-examined by Jennings, witness said he remembered four of the most influential members of the North Paddington Liberal Association withdrawing their support, though he was not aware that their action had caused Jennings incalculable harm so far as the election was concerned.

Support Cut Off.

Jennings: Are you aware that as a result of the action of the four officers important financial support was cut off at that time?—I am not.

The witness said that he did not know that another result was that the bank withdrew certain facilities Jennings had with them, nor that the bank had called in a bill for £150 before it had matured, and without notice.

The hearing was adjourned until Wednesday.

HOSE PIPE SUICIDE.

FIFTY-FEET LENGTH EMPLOYED BY MAN TO INHALE GAS.

Inhaling gas through a hose pipe fifty feet long was the method employed to commit suicide by William James Hawkes, thirty-seven, a clock maker, of Wandsworth-road, upon whom Mr. Ingleby Oddie held an inquest at Lambeth to-day.

Two months ago it was stated that the man's wife was removed to an asylum, and he took to drink.

Last Saturday he was found lying on a couch at his shop with a fifty feet long hose pipe, attached to a gas bracket in the adjoining room, close to him.

Gas was coming from the pipe and a rug had evidently fallen from his head.

The coroner recorded a verdict of "Suicide whilst of unsound mind."

BREWERY WORKERS' WAGE CUT

By mutual agreement an all-round reduction of Burton Brewery workers' wages, at the rate of 6s. a week, comes into force with the New Year in two cuts, namely, 4s. on first full pay day in January, and a further 2s. on the first full pay day in March.

Youths and girls' wages are to be reduced proportionately.

LATEST WILLS.

Probate of the wills of the following has been granted:—

Sir John Lovell Pank, New Barnet, who died October 18, leaving £72,999;

Mr. Julius Gullenheim, Hatch End, Pinner, who died September 25, leaving £39,514.

SCOTSMAN ROBBED OF HIS WHISKY!

PACKET OF WOODBINES LEFT IN EXCHANGE

When a young soldier in a Highland regiment was charged at Thames police-court to-day with being drunk, the gaoler said that the defendant had been serving in India, and had come to England for demobilisation.

He broke his journey in London on his way to Edinburgh, and lost—

Five pounds,
An overcoat, and
Two bottles of whisky.

"I wouldn't have minded if they had left me the whisky and the coat. It is cold coming from India," said the soldier.

He added that whoever "pinched" the things left him a packet of Woodbines, "a bad exchange," he observed.

He was handed over to an escort.

TRACKING THE DOPE

SEARCH OF SHIPS IN LONDON DOCKS.

A number of Scotland Yard officers, under Chief Inspector Nichols, have been engaged for some weeks in very important inquiries regarding the importation of opium and other drugs on ships in the London Docks.

Several ships have been searched by Scotland Yard officers in conjunction with Customs officials, but without success.

Valuable information, however, has come into the possession of the officers, and, as a consequence of certain developments which have taken place, it is hoped to be able to trace, not only where the opium comes from, but to whom it is passed in London.

GIRL-MOTHER'S PARENTS

BOUND OVER AFTER LONG INQUIRY.

At Westminster, Mr. Chapman gave his decision, after a long inquiry, on the charges of neglect and cruelty preferred by the N.S.P.C.C. against Frederick John Miller, aged forty-five, and Emma, his wife, the parents of a fifteen-year-old girl who died a few hours after giving birth to a child.

The girl mother expired in the Chelsea Infirmary on a day in August last, and the baby died a fortnight ago.

Mr. Chapman said the disease the girl died from was not due to neglect, and he bound the accused over in £10 to come up for judgment if called upon.

MARKET SCENE.

POLICEMAN, BACON AND A REVOLVER.

"Where did you get that bacon?" asked Constable Kelly to four men in Smithfield Market on Christmas Eve.

Alex Faulkner, the spokesman, replied: "Bought it, of course."

The policeman invited Faulkner to go to the nearest police-station, when Faulkner, it is alleged, produced a revolver and threatened his captor.

At the Guildhall Faulkner was committed for trial.

HARD-UP CLERK'S ADVENTURE.

Remanded at Highgate, this morning, on a charge of attempting to break into his uncle's house at Duke's-avenue, Muswell Hill, a smartly-dressed young clerk named Cecil Charles Rhodes said he was financially embarrassed owing to the Christmas holidays, and went to his uncle's house to endeavour to borrow money.

As he got no reply to his knock he concluded that his uncle and aunt were still away, and he decided to enter the house and see if he could find any money. While trying to remove a glass panel from the door he was arrested.

Captain Hatherley, who lives opposite, said he watched accused's movements and telephoned for the police, who came at once and arrested him.

IN MEMORY OF A LATE LORD MAYOR.

In memory of the late Sir George Faudel Phillips, a former Lord Mayor of London, a service was held to-day at Christ Church, off Newgate-street.

Among the members of the large congregation present were Miss Faudel Phillips, with some other members of the family, Sir Charles Wakefield (representing the Lord Mayor), Sir William Soulsby (Lord Mayor's secretary), Mr. H. Hallifax Wells, and other official representatives of the ward of Farringdon Within, the Earl and Countess of Aylesford, Lady Paston-Cooper, Sir Frank Warner, and the directors, secretary, staff, and workpeople of Messrs. Faudels (Ltd.).

First-class Reservists belonging to the Royal Army Medical Corps at Aldershot have received notice, this morning, calling upon them to report for three weeks' training as from March 1.

CONDEMNED MEN MAY BE SHOT.

SEQUEL TO REBEL AMBUSH IN KERRY.

DUBLIN OUTRAGES.

To-day's items of news from Ireland include the following:—

A detachment of troops were ambushed near Castlegregory, Co. Kerry, two of them being killed and one wounded.

Some days ago the Officer Commanding the Kerry area announced that four Irregulars had been tried and sentenced to death, but that execution of sentence was stayed on condition that attack on troops and other outrages in the district would cease.

It is expected, says the Dublin correspondent of the Central News, that in view of the ambush at Castlegregory the executions will now be carried out.

Newspaper Office Attacked.

An attack was made on the military post at the office of the "Dublin Independent" newspaper last night. A bomb was flung, but failed to explode. Revolver fire followed, but none of the troops were wounded.

The attackers were chased by C.I.D. men and one was captured.

Ten armed men last night entered the house of ex-Alderman Cole, in Dublin, and huddled all the members of the family, including three women, into one room, sprinkled the house with petrol, and then set the place on fire.

The fire brigade arrived just in time to prevent much destruction.

'TEMPORARILY DIVORCED.'

PRESIDENT COSGRAVE'S NEW YEAR HOPE.

President Cosgrave, in a New Year message to the Irish nation, says:—

> The road of liberty has been marked by painful incidents, a small section of people having engaged in destructive war upon the nation. The people desire peace, and they intend to achieve it in the only way possible by establishing the right of the majority to rule within the nation.
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> The New Year opens, however, with a message of hope for peace, order, and good will, and hope for unity with our countrymen temporarily divorced from us.

Conditions of Peace.

Replying to the resolution of ex-officers of the Tipperary Brigade I.R.A., calling for a peace conference, President Cosgrave says:—

> The basis of peace must be the Treaty shall stand without abrogation, explicit or implied, of any part of it, that there shall be no armed force or military organisation and nocarrying or keeping of arms or material of war except such as Direachtas shall authorise or permit, and that there shall be no interference with elections.

HIS LITTLE ERROR.

DETECTIVE MISTAKEN FOR "A MUG."

William Patrick Green, forty-eight, a labourer, of Lothian-road, Brixton, was at Bow-street police-court remanded on a charge of attempting to obtain money by false pretences.

Detective Baldwin said that the accused stopped him in Whitehall and told him that he was working as an hotel porter, but had been well brought up, and was a son of the Bishop of Nottingham.

He then produced what appeared to be a diamond ring and said that he had "pinched" it from an American, who had been staying at the hotel, and who had now returned to America. It was, he declared, worth £75, and he offered to sell it for £2.

The witness then disclosed that he was a police officer.

"Blimey, guv'nor, I took you for a mug," exclaimed the accused.

Green denied the officer's evidence.

OVERHAUL OF LINERS.

Scores of men are working on the turbines of the Cunard liners Aquitania and Mauretania during the annual overhaul of these ships at Southampton.

The Aquitania's eight turbines possess 1,000,000 blades, and the Mauretania's six turbines have 750,000. Each blade has to be straped and cleaned separately.

NOTED FOOTBALLER WEDS.

Len Davies, Cardiff City's centre-forward, was married to-day to Miss Gwendoline Stroud, a clerk in the Chamber of Commerce office, and one of the club's most enthusiastic women supporters.

THE SICK LIST.

Lord Kinnaird.—About the same.

Sir Arthur Lever, M.P.—Had a very good night, and a little better.

Captain Arthur Evans, M.P.—A fairly comfortable night, and condition satisfactory.

A BAD START FOR RACING.

ONLY THREE EVENTS RUN AT MANCHESTER.

EGLINTON OFF.

FROST AND FOG SPOIL SPORT.

Racing in the New Year has started in an inauspicious manner.

The Eglinton Hunt meeting, arranged for to-day and to-morrow, had to be abandoned owing to a severe frost.

Manchester races opened under most unpromising conditions, but in spite of a thick fog the first three events were decided. Then, however, the mist having become more dense, the Stewards decided that no further racing was possible to-day, and the rest of the programme was abandoned.

The Stewards decided that racing to-morrow shall commence at 12 o'clock. The Victory Steeplechase, postponed from to-day, will be run at 1 o'clock. The order of running for the remainder of the programme has not yet been decided upon.

MANCHESTER, Monday.

Racing in the New Year opened under somewhat uncomfortable conditions at Manchester to-day. There was a frost during the night, and the weather was very foggy; in fact, when racing began it was difficult to see fifty yards ahead. In spite of this there was a good attendance.

So thick was the mist that it was extremely difficult to distinguish the colours in the New Year Steeplechase as they passed the stands. The race went to the outsider Gardenrath, who beat Manrico by a length. There were many present who hoped that Manrico would score, as he is the property of Mr. J. Ramsden, one of the principal directors of the company. The actual favourite, Navana, was a long way behind.

Cambridge Prince was advertised on the card to be sold, win or lose. He ran so well, however, finishing third, that he was not put up, and goes on to Haydock Park.

Donoghue was present this afternoon. He proposes spending a holiday in Switzerland. He looks well, and stated that his weight had only increased by a couple of pounds since the close of the flat racing campaign.

It was later ascertained that One fell two fences from home, and Au Fait the one before.

Coulthwaite, who has put up some wonderful records on this particular track, saddled Blood Royal for the Castle Plate, and Frank Wootton had the ride. The favourite was found in Poise, who won by eight lengths from Corrie Lass. Little could be seen of the running.

The course was practically obscured by mist when the numbers went up for the Club Four-Year-Old Hurdle. In the absence of Hassock, King Pippin was almost unbackable, and as matters turned out Mrs. Putnam's horse had a very easy task.

The rest of the programme was abandoned.

1.0.—NEW YEAR STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs; second 25 sovs, third 15 sovs. Three miles.

GARDENRATH, by Pam—Punnett (M J T Rogers), a-11-2 ....J Rennison 1
MANRICO (Mr J Ramsden), a-11-2 J Kelly 2
NAVANA (Mr C F Kenyon), a-11-9 F B Rees 3

Also ran: One (F Mason), Au Fait (L Rees), Cappoquin (R Clark).

(Off 1.5. Winner trained by D. Rogers.)

Betting.—2 to 1 agst Navana, 9 to 4 Manrico, 5 to 1 One, 8 to 1 GARDENRATH, 10 to 1 others. Won by a length; bad third.

Mist obscured a view of the race. Passing the stands the first time round Manrico was leading Cappoquin, with One next, but Gardenrath won. Cappoquin was the only other to finish.

Au Fait fell three fences from home, and One at the next.

1.30.—CASTLE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 110 sovs; second 10 sovs. Two miles.

POISE, by White Eagle—Farrondale, (Mr H A Brown), a-11-0 ....Mr H A Brown 1
CORRIE LASS (Mr R C Woods), a-11-3 W Gurney 2
CAMBRIDGE PRINCE (Mr J Owen), 5-10-7 T Leader 3

Also ran: Golden Age (A Sheddon), Blood Royal (F. Wootton), Stockinette (A Dawes), King Raeburn (J Mahoney, sen.), Pickering (Mr Prioleau), King's Double (A Escott), Toby (Wagstaffe), King's Nordley (Saunders).

(Off 1.33. Winner trained by H. A. Brown.)

Betting.—7 to 4 agst POISE, 4 to 1 King's Double, 9 to 2 Blood Royal, 7 to 1 Cambridge Prince, 100 to 8 others. Won by eight lengths; three lengths.

The result was originally given as Poise 1, Blood Royal 2, King's Double 3, but this was quickly corrected.

King Raeburn led past the stands the first time round, but Poise won easily. Toby was fourth and King's Double last.

Pickering broke a bloodvessel and was pulled up.

The winner was sold to Mr. O'Sullivan for 160 gns.

2.0.—CLUB FOUR-YEAR-OLD HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs; second 25 sovs, third 15 sovs. Two miles.

KING PIPPIN (Mrs J Putnam), 11-10 F B Rees 1
ROI DU CIEL (Mr David Gould), 11-0 Threlfell 2
PHANTOM CHARLEY (Sir R M Liddell), 11-0 ....A. Waudby 3

Also ran: Debrett (Gorst), Beau Soleil (T Leader), Polacca (F Caisley), Redstart (R Clark), Marie Marco (G Goswell), Myglys (J Goswell), Marcando (A Sheddon), Butterthwaite (J Casey).

(Off 2.0. Winner trained by G. Poole.)

Betting.—4 to 1 on KING PIPPIN, 8 to 1 agst Phantom Charley, 10 to 1 each Beau Soleil and Butterthwaite, 100 to 6 others. Won by six lengths; three-quarters of a length.

Phantom Charley led from Polacca, King Pippin, Redstart, with Myglys next, the last-named falling later. King Pippin eventually won easily. Polacca was fourth, Marcando fifth, Debrett sixth, with Redstart next.

2.30.—VICTORY STEEPLECHASE (handicap) of 1,000 sovs; second 100 sovs, third 50 sovs. Two miles.

3.0.—CHORLTON HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs; second 20 sovs, third 10 sovs. Two miles.

3.30.—JANUARY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs; second 20 sovs, third 10 sovs. Two miles.

EGLINTON ABANDONED

FROST PUTS COMPLETE STOPPAGE TO THE MEETING

Owing to severe frost, the Eglinton N.H. Meeting, fixed for Bogside to-day and to-morrow, has been abandoned.

It was at first announced that to-day's programme had been postponed until to-morrow, but subsequent inquiry by the Stewards decided them to cancel the meeting entirely.

NEWMARKET GALLOPS.

ON THE RACE SIDE.

S. Bennet's Bergate, Word of Honour, Linex, and Bright Prospect covered a mile and three-quarters over fences.

G. Sadler's Easter Holiday, Square Section, Cruiser Arc, and Young Visiter went a mile and a quarter; Quilp covered a mile.

Darling's Prince Herod went a mile.

Bennet's Lone Wolf and Sheepshead went seven furlongs.

Dundas sent Page Three and Soldennis six furlongs.

Watson's Cottage, Festina, The Villager, Doric, Roman Fiddle, Red Gauntlet, Montfort, Knight of the Leopard, Eagerford, and Capitol went six furlongs.

ON THE BURY SIDE.

W. Jarvis sent Greek Vine a mile and a half.

Leader's Junk, Gold Stream, Perfect Sailor, and Squire Erlegh went a mile and a half.

Atlantic Flight, Simon's Mount, Ballyhandy, and Trout Call left for Manchester.

Selections for Manchester to-morrow:—

Broughton Hurdle: **SILVANUS.**
Peel Park Hurdle: **BALLYHANDY.**
Manchester Steeplechase: **BODYGUARD.**
Victory Hurdle: **ATLANTIC FLIGHT.**
Stand Hurdle: **LUKESTON.**
Canal Steeplechase: **REGENT'S PARK.**

GATWICK RACE TRAINS.

For the Gatwick steeplechases on Wednesday and Thursday the L.B. and S.C. Railway announce special race trains from London, leaving Victoria 11.0, 11.12, and 11.50 a.m.

The members first-class train leaves at 11.30 a.m.

Trains also leave London Bridge at 11.17 and 11.45 a.m.

Return trains leave Gatwick for London commencing 3.35 p.m., and the members' train (first class only) leaves 3.38 p.m.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

MANCHESTER MEETING.

January Handicap 'Chase.—Beggar's End.
Broughton Hurdle: Sangot.
Victory Hurdle: Daylight Saver.
Canal 'Chase: Toytown.
Manchester engagements: Double Up, Ulysses, Devonport.
Birmingham Selling 'Chase: Little England.

HURST PARK MEETING.

Mortlake Handicap Hurdle: Tedney, The Kiwi II.
Norbiton Handicap 'Chase: Beggar's End.
Richmond Hurdle: Cyclase, Ulysses, Unexpected.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Garnoch Hurdle, Eglinton: Skager Rack.
Reigate Handicap Hurdle, Gatwick: The Kiwi II.
Gatwick engagements, January 4: Doubtful Footsteps.
Moderate Handicap Hurdle and Caterham Selling Handicap, Gatwick: Captain Paddy.
Warrington Hurdle Race, Haydock Park: Kirkharle and Daylight Saver.
All engagements in Sir R. W. B. Jardine's name: Green Path and Lado.
All engagements in Mr. M. Goculdas' name: Moonshiner, Rowardennan, Resemblance, Naughty Princess, Brogue c, Butterfly Belle f, Lychorida f.
All engagements: Arlequin (dead), Danae, Disdainful f, Belasco, Glass II. filly, Torelore, Western Hill, Fred Power, and Jeddart.

MACLAREN 200 AND UNDEFEATED.

NEW ZEALANDERS FORCED TO FOLLOW ON.

Maclaren continued the innings of his team of tourists in their Test match with a representative New Zealand side at Wellington to-day until 500 had been passed.

Eight wickets had then fallen, while Maclaren's individual score was 200, and he was still undefeated.

The New Zealanders in their first innings only succeeded in scoring 222, and following on had made 49 for the loss of one wicket when play was closed for the day.

When stumps were drawn the New Zealanders were 234 behind and had nine wickets in hand.

MACLAREN'S XI.—First Innings.

A. C. Wilkinson, c Collins, b Brice	17
C. H. Titchmarsh, lbw, b Brice	22
Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe, c Condliffe, b Garrard	63
A. P. F. Chapman, c Alcott, b Brice	1
G. Wilson, c Condliffe, b Snedden	12
A. C. Maclaren, not out	209
T. C. Lowry, b Alcott	54
Hon. D. F. Brand, c Snedden, b Shepherd	33
J. F. McLean, c Hiddleston, b Snedden	64
Freeman, not out	0
Extras	19
Total (for 8 wkts. dec.)	505

Bowling.—Brice 3 for 135, Alcott 1 for 96, Garrard 1 for 53, Smith 0 for 60, Snedden 2 for 53, Hiddleston 0 for 14, Collins 0 for 38, Shepherd 1 for 32, Blunt 0 for 5.

NEW ZEALAND.—First Innings.

Blunt, c Chapman, b Freeman	15
Hiddleston, c Maclaren, b Gibson	5
Snedden, b Gibson	5
Smith, run out	0
Shepherd, c Chapman, b Freeman	33
Collins, b Freeman	13
McLeod, c Brand, b Freeman	22
Garrard, b Freeman	47
Alcott, not out	38
Condliffe, c Lowry, b Calthorpe	3
Brice, c Maclaren, b Calthorpe	16
Extras	25
Total	222

Bowling.—Gibson 2 for 53, Freeman 5 for 114, Calthorpe 2 for 30.

NEW ZEALAND.—Second Innings.

Blunt, not out	25
Shepherd, b Gibson	0
Hiddleston, not out	24
Extras	0
Total (for 1 wkt.)	49

Close of play.—Reuter's Special Service.

ARSENAL ONE UP.

HALF-TIME SCORES IN TO-DAY'S GAMES.

LEAGUE I.

Everton 2, 'Spurs 1.
Newcastle 0, Oldham 0.
Sunderland 2, Stoke 0.
Arsenal 1, Blackburn 0.
Bolton v. Notts Forest. Postponed owing to fog.

LEAGUE II.

Manchester United 1, Barnsley 0.
South Shields 1, Port Vale 0.
Stockport 0, Blackpool 0.
Wednesday 0, Southampton 0.

LEAGUE III. (SOUTHERN).

Portsmouth 2, Millwall 1.

LEAGUE III. (NORTHERN).

Barrow 2, Wigan 0.
Chesterfield 1, Tranmere 0.
Ashington 0, Durham 0.
Hartlepools 0, Darlington 0.
Southport 0, Crewe 0.
Accrington 1, Grimsby 0.

FRIENDLY.

Queen's Park 0, Corinthians 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Aberdeen 0, Dundee 0.
Hibernians 0, Hearts 0.
Morton 0, Ayr United 0.
Partick 1, Third Lanark 0.
Rangers 0, Celtic 0.
St. Mirren 2, Kilmarnock 1.
Hamilton 2, Motherwell 0.
Raith Rovers 0, Falkirk 0.
Clyde 0, Alloa 0.
Airdrie 1, Albion Rovers 0.

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Aberdeen 0, Dundee 0.
Morton 0, Ayr United 0.
Hibernians 2, Hearts 1.

MIDLANDS BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

The draw for the Midlands Professional Billiards championship was to have been made to-day, but owing to only three entries being received, one of which—T. A. Dennis, of ottingham—was not accepted owing to its late arrival, the championship rests between J. Davis (Chesterfield), the holder, and J. Lawrence (Birmingham).

There has been a great demand for stand tickets for the Queen's Park Rangers—Crystal Palace Cup-tie, and only a small number are now available.

The ground of the Summerstown F.C. has been selected for the match between Surrey and Kent in the Southern Counties Junior Championship on Wednesday next.

For Sport.—Burroughes & Watts' Billiard Tables.

SOUTH AFRICA ALL OUT 113

BRILLIANT BOWLING FOR ENGLAND.

FENDER 4 FOR 29.

H. W. TAYLOR DISMISSED FOR ONLY 9.

The South Africans, in the second Test Match against England, were dismissed for 113 runs at Cape Town to-day.

The match is being played on a turf wicket. That at Johannesburg was on matting, and to-day the English bowlers completely dominated the game.

P. H. G. Fender, the Surrey captain, was the most successful of the bowlers, taking four wickets for 29 runs.

H. W. Taylor, South Africa's captain, who made a record score in last week's Test Match, was dismissed to-day for nine runs.

CONSISTENT ATTACK.

MACAULAY TAKES A WICKET WITH THE FIRST BALL.

England made a good start in another attempt to win a Test match to-day. This time they met the South Africans on a turf wicket at Newlands, Cape Town, and fared infinitely better than in the game at Johannesburg last week.

The South Africans in this match batted first, and lost a wicket before they had scored a run.

The weather was cool and cloudy and a light westerly breeze was blowing when play began.

One change was made in the side which did duty for South Africa in the first Test at Johannesburg, A. E. Hall (Transvaal) replacing I. Buys, the Western Province bowler (says Reuter).

STREET LEFT OUT.

Hall was chosen on account of his previous good performances at Newlands.

G. T. S. Stevens, A. E. R. Gilligan, and Livsey were omitted from the English side, Gilligan acting as twelfth man.

Though Street, the Sussex wicketkeeper, had arrived at Cape Town, he was not included in the twelve players from whom the team was chosen.

Russell's injured thigh has responded to treatment, and Macaulay is now fit. M. Commaille is the twelfth man for South Africa. The greatest interest is being taken in the match at Cape Town, where the utmost satisfaction is expressed on the fine performance of the South African team in winning the first Test match at Johannesburg last week.

Taylor beat Mann in the toss, and decided to take first knock.

ONE BALL—ONE WICKET.

Over 5,000 people were present when Catterall and Hearne went out to open South Africa's innings on a perfect pitch.

They were faced by Kennedy and Macaulay, and off the latter's first ball Hearne was smartly taken in the slips by Fender.

It was a feeble stroke, the ball glancing off his bat sharply straight into the hands of the Surrey amateur.

Taylor was next in, and off the third ball he received Macaulay made a confident appeal for leg before, which was disallowed.

It was not until the fifth over that the first runs off the bat were scored. At the end of half an hour only twenty runs had been registered.

FENDER BOWLS WELL.

Fender displaced Macaulay at 22 and from his first delivery Catterall was snapped at the wicket for 10. Nourse then joined his captain, who had made 9.

Fender was keeping the ball low and frequently beating the batsmen, who were having a dogged game.

In his third over Fender clean bowled Taylor with a straight delivery, the third wicket going down at 31.

The Surrey captain was keeping a splendid length and rising sharply off the pitch. His analysis at this point was four overs, three maidens, two runs, and two wickets.

Ling next partnered Nourse, and at 37 Kennedy, who had sent down ten overs, six of which were maidens, for a dozen runs, without securing a wicket, gave way to Macaulay.

A DOUBLE CHANGE.

The 50 was sent up when the innings had lasted just under an hour and a quarter, and 3 runs later a double change was tried, Woolley replacing Fender and Jupp going on for Macaulay.

Soon afterwards the luncheon interval arrived with the total at 58 for 3 wickets, Nourse 15 and Ling 6.

So far the English attack had been excellent, each bowler varying his pace skilfully.

They kept the rate of scoring down very low and generally bore out the traditional liking of English bowlers for the Newlands ground.

HELP FROM THE WICKET.

The wicket had undoubtedly been of assistance to the bowlers, and the increased wind made the flight of both Kennedy and Fender's deliveries difficult to follow. Catterall, for instance, came to grief by a catch at the wicket, the ball coming off his glove.

Fender occasionally sent down a ball with quite a phenomenal swerve, and the opinion was expressed by members of the English team at lunch that he as seldom bowled better.

Dring the interval the clouds had been cleared away by a blustering wind, and when play was restarted the attendance had increased to 10,000.

In the first over after lunch Nourse got in front of a straight delivery from Fender, and with four wickets down for 60 Brann partnered Ling.

MANN'S GREAT CATCH.

Kennedy, in his second over following the interval, dismissed Brann with a ball that took his leg stump. Half the side were thus out for 67.

With the total unaltered Ling fell to a fine catch by Mann off Fender's bowling. Mann had to run from mid-on to a point behind the bowler to secure the ball.

Blanckenberg, who came in fifth wicket down, was then partnered by Francois. The latter opened in steady, confident style, and at 87 Jupp superseded Fender.

Jupp exploited the "leg theory," and at 96 Blanckenberg put up a terrific skier off him, which was secured by Carr on the boundary.

MACAULAY RESUMES.

With Francois and Ward associated the century was signalled as the result of two hours and twenty-two minutes' play, and at 102 Macaulay resumed for Kennedy. Jupp secured the next wicket, however, Ward playing a ball from him on to his stumps at 106.

Nupen came in next, but after scoring a couple he returned a ball to Macaulay, who ran up the pitch and brought off a good catch. The ninth wicket fell at 111, and with Hall in, Francois was run out, the innings, which had occupied two hours and forty-seven minutes, closing for 113.

SOUTH AFRICA.—First Innings.

G. Hearne, c Fender, b Macaulay	0
R. Catterall, c Brown, b Fender	10
H. W. Taylor, b Fender	9
A. D. Nourse, lbw, b Fender	16
W. V. Ling, c Mann, b Fender	13
W. Brann, b Kennedy	0
J M. Blanckenberg, c Carr, b Jupp	9
R. J. Francois, run out	28
T. A. Ward, bJupp	4
E. P. Nupen, c and b Macaulay	2
A. E. Hall, not out	0
Extras	22
Total	113

Bowling.—Kennedy 1 for 24, Macaulay 2 for 19, Fender 4 for 29, Jupp 2 for 18, Woolley 0 for 1.

ENGLAND.—First Innings.

Russell, not out	24
Sandham, not out	2
Total (for no wkt.)	26

NEWMAN'S LEAD OVER FALKINER

The match of 13,500 between Newman and Falkiner was continued at Thurston's Hall, in Leicester-square, this afternoon, with the champion holding a lead of 1,933.

Newman was then in play with a break of 86 unfinished, the scores being 5,400—3,467 in his favour.

THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The sixth heat of 2,000 up in the second round of the amateur championship was begun at the Burwat Hall, in Soho-square, this afternoon. The players are L. Stroud and L. Jacobs.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS RACQUETS.

The New Year Public Schools Racquets Handicap began to-day at Queen's Club, West Kensington, with a representative entry, including practically all the schools which participate in the championship during the Easter vacation. Results:—

A. R. Villiers (Wellington, rec. 2) beat H. E. Batt (Malvern): 15—4, 15—9, 15—2.

C. H. Obey (Malvern, rec. 3) beat W. Tonge (Winchester): 15—0, 15—11, 4—15, 15—7.

J. W. Greenstock (Malvern) beat W. Carbutt (Wellington, rec. 5): 15—7, 15—7, 15—6.

J. E. Dunning (Westminster, rec. 5) beat W. S. Murdoch (Charterhouse): 15—11, 11—15, 15—6, 15—7.

Additional heat winners were: Stoddart (Penygraig, 13), Riach (Ratho, 15), the favourite, who romped home in 12 1-16sec., Morgan (Barry, 13), Donkin (Benwell, 10), Keith (Edinburgh, 16), Thompson (Stobhill, 11) Foster (Oldham, 12), time 12 5-16sec., Cross (Edinburgh, 12½), Grant (Glasgow, 13½), Clark (Thornton, 13).

B. Carter was the winner of the Amateur Swimming Club's plunging handicap, G. Kniss being second and R. Cook third.

Gladease, a daughter of Braxted—Grecian Fairy, was submitted to auction at Newbury on Saturday and changed hands for 60gs., the purchaser being Captain Cunard.

LATEST NEWS

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Arsenal 5, Blackburn 0.
Everton 3, 'Spurs 1.
Manchester United 1, Barnsley 0.
Chesterfield 5, Tranmere 0.
Rangers 2, Celtic 0.
Wigan 3, Barrow 2.
Airdrie 2, Albion Rovers 1.
St. Mirren 2, Kilmarnock 1.
Hamilton 3, Motherwell 0.
Ashington 0, Durham 0.
Newcastle 1, Oldham 0.
Sunderland 2, Stoke 0.
South Shields 3, Port Vale 1.
Clyde 1, Alloa 0.
Partick 3, Third Lanark 0.
Bury Res. 2, Everton Res. 0.
Liverpool Res. 6, Wolves 1.
Oldham Res. 0, Port Vale Res. 0.
Man. City Res. 0, Derby Res. 0.
Sheffield Utd. Res. 1, Villa Res. 1.
Raith Rovers 0, Falkirk 0.
Accrington 4, Grimsby 0.
Hartlepools 1, Darlington 0.
Swinton 14 pts, Salford 5 pts.
Portsmouth 3, Millwall 1.
Queen's Park 3, Corinthians 1.
Halifax 5 pts, Leeds 5 pts.

Bradford Northern 23pts., Wigan Highfield 3 pts.
Wednesday 0, Southampton 0.
Stockport 2, Blackpool 2.
Southport 2, Crewe Alex. 0.
Paris 22 pts, London 14.

SOUTH AFRICAN CRICKET.

England 60 for 3 wickets.—Reuter.
Russetll 39, Sandham 19, Woolley 0.

Manchester.—Order of Running: January 'Chase, 12.0; Chorlton, 12.25; Victory 'Chase, 12.50; Broughton, 1.15; Peel, 1.40; Manchester 'Chase, 2.5; Victory Hurdle, 2.30; Stand, 3.0; Canal, 3.30.

POWDERHALL MEETING.

Heat winners—W. Herriot, R. Black, T. Baillie, C. Barr, J. Muir, G. Gilbert, D. Bell, J. Robinson, J. Dickson, H. Coran, J. Thomson.

BILLIARDS LATEST.

Newman 5,721, Falkiner 4,001. Breaks: Newman 219, Falkiner 281, 105, 132.

Stroud 187, Jacobs 125 (Amateur Championship).

MANCHESTER RACES

A start will be made to-morrow at twelve o'clock with the three races which were postponed this afternoon, and then the card with the other six events will be gone through, weather permitting.

DEFIANT UNEMPLOYED.

Deputation of unemployed decided to remain at Ministry of Health until ejected

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